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Order if suit.*

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By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.  
Commander of his Maj: Ship the Roebuck  
Dear Sirs and to directions from Commodore Robt. Boscawen  
You are hereby required and directed to supply his Maj: Naval office at Halifax with the undermentioned article  
Breakfast of 600 weight

Hogsheads, woodbound — Sixty eight No.

Barrel D — One —

for the use of the screening yard, taking his receipt  
for the same. Given under my hand on board  
This Maj: ship the Roebuck at  
Halifax the 11. January 1776

To W: James Mason  
Purser of his Maj: ship  
the Roebuck

A. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.  
Commander of his Maj: Ship Roebuck

W: James Mason Purser of his Maj: ship  
under my command has represented to me by  
letter of this date, that there are on board a quantity  
of Butter & Cheese, Smelling and Rotteas, and unsifted  
for Men to eat, and desires that a Survey may be  
had thereon.

You are therefore hereby required and  
directed to take a strict and careful Survey on  
the Butter and Cheese complained of, and if you  
find them as represented, you are to see the Cheese  
thrown overboard into the sea, and the Butter  
delivered into the charge of the Boatman for the

Ship's

Ships crew, reporting to me from under your hands, of your  
proceedings theron; when and what received and to  
what cause you judge their defects: for which this shall  
be your order. Given under my hand on board his  
Majestys Ship the Roebuck

The Master  
of Masters & mates of his Majestys  
Ship the Roebuck

By Andrew Hampton Esq:

Pursuant to an order from Com: A: Buthnot  
You are hereby required and directed to  
Supply the Purser of his Majestys Ship the Somers  
with one thousand and six hundred pieces of Beef, and  
take proper Receipts for the same; for which this shall  
be your order. Given under my hand on board his  
Majestys Ship Roebuck at Halifax the  
3 November 1775.

A: Hammond

W: James Mason  
Doctor of his Maj: Ship

the  
Roebuck

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By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq: R:ngt:  
commander of his Majesty's Ship the  
Roebuck.

Pursuant to an order from Commodore  
Arbuthnot. You are hereby required and directed  
to supply the Gunner of his Majesty's Ship the Senegal  
with twenty five pounds of Match, taking proper  
receipts for the same, for which this shall be your  
order. Given under my hand on board his Maj:z:  
Ship the Roebuck at Halifax the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1775.

W<sup>r</sup> Christopher Farlam  
Gunner of his Maj:z: Ship

Roebuck

A J Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq: R:ngt:  
Pursuant to an order from Commodore  
Arbuthnot. You are hereby required and directed  
to supply the Gunner of his Majesty's Ship the  
Fowey with fifty pounds of Match, taking  
proper receipts for the same: for which this shall  
be your order. Given under my hand on board  
This Majesty's Ship Roebuck at Halifax the  
8<sup>th</sup> November 1775.

A J Hammond

W<sup>r</sup> Christopher Farlam  
Gunner of his Maj:z: Ship  
Roebuck

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq.  
commander of his Majestys Ship  
the Roebuck.

On consequence of orders from Vice Admiral  
Graves: You are hereby required and directed to put  
yourself under my command and follow all such orders  
and directions as you shall from time to time receive  
from me for his Majesty's Service. Given under  
my hand on board his Majesty's Ship the Rockingham  
at Virginia the <sup>9</sup> February 1776.

at Virginia the 9<sup>th</sup> of  
Respective captains  
of his Majesty's Ships

"A. Hammond

Liverpool, del. 9 Feb<sup>ry</sup> of distinotional signals  
Otter - - D<sup>a</sup>

Otter - - - Da

Captain Groom's Kingfisher, del'd Feb. 1776, 5 distinct signals, -  
who kept vintage had the same 13 signals, -

L. John Wright 2<sup>o</sup> time  
Otters Tender - the Belsey Del. distinctive forms  
Fowey - Montagu, 1<sup>o</sup> May 1776. D. S. & 2<sup>o</sup> -  
By Andrew Chapman Esq.

Montgomery, 1 May 1776. B. S. & D. -  
By Andrew Chapman Esq. Jr.

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P. S. 6:

On consequence of orders from Vice Admiral Graves. You are hereby required and directed to observe and punctually obey and follow his additional Orders and directions; during the present Rebellion, or until you receive contrary orders from me, or any other your Superior Officer vizt

You are to Seize (see those additional orders from Commodore Arbeston at ye<sup>2</sup> Given under my hand on board his Majestys ship the Roebuck at

Capt. Ventage Virginia the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1776 —

Montague N. Brewster, a member of the Board of Directors of the Peabody Museum, Boston, Mass., has been elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq.  
ge<sup>o</sup> ge<sup>o</sup>.

You are hereby required and directed to put  
in execution those orders you have received from  
Captain Squire to escort the Cruizers Tender to Cape  
Fear, giving her Lieutenant orders to put himself  
under your command, and having so done, to  
return to this place with all possible dispatch.

Given under my hand on board  
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at  
Virginia the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1776.

To  
Lieut. John Wright  
commander of the Otters Tender

Aff Hamond

The Belsey

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq.  
commander of his M<sup>t</sup> Ship the Roebuck

You are hereby required and directed to use  
all possible dispatch in completing his Majesty's  
Ship under your command for sea, and having  
so done to proceed without loss of time down to  
Hampton Road, and wait there for further  
orders. Given under my hand on board His

Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at Norfolk

in Virginia the 14<sup>th</sup> February 1776

To  
Captain Montague  
commander of his Majesty's Sloop

The Kingfisher

By Andrew shape Hammond Esq: of Boston  
You are hereby required and directed to supply the  
Purser of His Majestys Sloop the Kingfisher with the  
quantity of Provisions &c: undermentioned vizt

Bread	One thousand five hundred lbs
Pease	Eight Bushels
Slop Shoes	Fifty Pairs

taking proper Receipts for the same. Given under my  
hand on board his Maj: Ship the Roebuck

W: James Mason at Hampton Roads in Virginia the 15 Feby: 1776  
Purser of his Maj: Ship A: Hammond

Roebuck

By Andrew shape Hammond Esq: of Boston  
You are hereby required and directed to supply  
the Gunner of his Majestys Sloop the Kingfisher with  
the quantity of Ordnance Stores undermentioned; vizt

Powder	Five Barl. No
Paper cartridge Box	One hundred
Match	Twenty eight Pcs

taking proper receipts for the same. Given under my  
hand on board his Maj: Ship the  
Roebuck at Hampton Roads in Virginia the

W: Chr: Farlam 15 February 1776 A: Hammond  
Gunner of his Maj: Ship  
Roebuck

By Andrew shape Hammond Esq: of Boston

You are hereby required and directed to  
Supply the Carpenter of his Majestys Sloop the  
Kingfisher with the quantity of Stores undermentioned  
vizt

1000 Nails	20	10	4	Four
				Four
				Four
				Two

Tinplates Single - Six N.

Leather Squored - Half a lbs

Taking proper receipts for the same: Given under  
my hand on board his Majesty's Ship  
the Roebuck at Hampton Roads in Virginia  
the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1776.

W<sup>r</sup> John Mackie  
Carpenter of his Maj<sup>t</sup> Ship

the Roebuck

A. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.  
Captain of his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck  
and commanding officer in Virginia.

In consequence of the application you  
have made to me by letter of this day's date, setting  
forth that Tobias Verdon Boatswain of his Maj<sup>t</sup>  
Sloop under your command, who you had some  
time since suspended for neglect of duty, has lately  
shewn great courage and alacrity on several  
occasions in subduing the Rebels, and had received  
a dangerous wound on that service; likewise enclosing  
a letter from him, expressing his sense of his error, of  
promise of future good behaviour, you are hereby required  
and directed to restore the said Boatswain to his duty.

Captain Squire  
of His M<sup>t</sup> Sloop the  
Otter

Given under my hand on board his Maj<sup>t</sup>  
Ship the Roebuck off Norfolk in Virginia the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Feb<sup>r</sup> 1776 A. Hammond

Q. Mem. <sup>Drum</sup> *Board of Admiralty* <sup>4</sup> Feb 1776

A Court martial will be held to morrow morning  
at eight o'clock on board his Majesty's ship the Ramillies  
To the respective Captains  
of his Majesty's ships the  
Liverpool  
Mercury  
Otter  
Kingfisher

By Andrew Hammond Esq: Capt  
You are hereby required and directed to carry  
into execution such part of Vice Admiral Graves order of  
the 13<sup>th</sup> of January to Captain Greene (a copy of which you  
will herewith receive) that is not already executed; and  
also to observe and follow all those general orders and  
Instructions which you received from Admiral Graves,  
whilst Captain of His Majestys Ship the Kingfisher;

Given under my hand on board his  
Majestys Ship the Rockbuck off Norfolk  
in Virginia the 18<sup>th</sup> Febr: 1776

A S Hammond

To  
Captain Montagu  
commander of his Majestys Ship

The Mercury

(See the order)

By Samuel Graves Esq: Vice Admiral of  
the White and commander in chief of his  
Majestys Ships and Vessels employed  
in North America.

As soon as Major General Clinton is embarked  
and ready to depart; You are hereby required and  
directed to repair with him in his Majestys Ship under  
your command to New York where having remained  
such time as the General thinks necessary for the  
service he is upon, you are to proceed with him to  
Virginia, or to any port or place along the continent  
that Major General Clinton shall find expedient for  
his Majestys Service to touch at; And as the success  
of the expedition will in a great measure depend  
upon the prompt and ready assistance of His

Majestys

Majestys Ships; You are therefore hereby required and directed  
most heartily to grant every aid in your power of Men,  
Boats, and Stores, (without regard to any distinction of duties)  
to Major General Clinton and to all other his Majestys  
Land officers in their intended operations against the  
Rebels.

You are to continue upon this service  
with Major General Clinton until you receive contrary  
directions from my self or any other your Superior Officer  
For all other orders refer you to my General and  
additional Orders and Instructions.

Given under my hand on board  
This Majestys Ship the Preston at Boston  
the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1776

To Captain Gram  
commander of his Majestys Ship  
Mercury, or to the commander of  
the said Ship for the time being.  
By command of the Admiral  
G Geffrion a

Saml Graves

Copy 19 Feb 1776  
1776

attd A S Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.  
ge<sup>o</sup> ge<sup>o</sup>.

Lieutenant Ord of his Majestys Ship  
under my command having in December last, when  
commanding officer on board, confined W Joseph  
Starla the Boatswain for disobedience of orders, contempt  
to his Superior officer and for mutinous expressions, whose  
trial has been hitherto delayed for want of a sufficient

number

number of Captains; That circumstance being  
now removed by the arrival of his Majestys ship  
the Mercury: You are hereby required and directed  
to assemble with me on board the Roebuck tomorrow  
morning and hold a Court martial to try the said  
Boatswain for the offences he stands charged with  
agreeable to the Act of Parliament

*Captain Bellin  
Montagu  
Squire  
Graves*

Given under my hand on board  
his Majestys ship the Roebuck off  
Norfolk in Virginia the 18<sup>th</sup> Feby 1776  
*A. H. Hammond*

*By And: Mapell Hammond Esq: of*

In consequence of a letter from Captain  
George Montagu of this date acquainting me of his  
being appointed by Admiral Graves to command his  
Maj: ship the Mercury, and being I will be pleased  
to give an order to discharge the men named in the  
Margin from his M: Sloop the Kingfisher into his. You  
are hereby required and directed to discharge them  
into the Mercury accordingly, ~~afterwards~~ ~~and~~  
~~affording~~ ~~and~~ ~~affording~~ taking care to comply with late  
Act of Parliament given under my hand on

*Captain Graves  
Kingfisher*

board his Maj: ship the Roebuck off  
Norfolk in Virginia the 20<sup>th</sup> Feby 1776

By Andrew shape Hammond Esq: Captian Squire having acquainted me by letter of this date that, W. Frederick Murray has acted as Surgeons Mate of his Majestys Sloop under his command by order from the 3<sup>rd</sup> August last, and has never partaken of examination, which he is desirous of doing: You are hereby required and directed to repair on board his M: Ship the Roebuck to Morrow and examine the said Mr Murray accordingy for any of his Maj: ships Ratings giving unto him such certificate as you shall find him to deserve, and report to me from under your hands what you shall do therin.

Given under my hand & on board  
His Maj: Ship the Roebuck off Norfolk  
in Virginia the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 1776

A. Hammond

To The Surgeons of his  
Maj: Ships the Roebuck  
and other Sloop

By Andrew shape Hammond Esq

Whereas W. John Goodridge has represented to me that a Slave of his named John King, is on board his Majestys Sloop under your command.

You are hereby required and directed to despatch the said John King from his Majestys Sloop the Kingfisher accordingy. Given under my hand

on board his Majestys Ship Roebuck  
off Norfolk in Virginia the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1776

Captain Graeme  
of his Majestys Sloop

A. Hammond

the Kingfisher

By Andrew Mapp Hammond Esq;  
Captain of his Majesty's Ship Roebuck  
and commanding officer in Virginia.

Whereas I have received intelligence that there  
is at Roques Harbour (a Port to the Southward of Cape Hatteras)  
a Bermudian Sloop, which lately brought Gunpowder  
into this Country, for the Supply of the Rebels, and is  
now Lading with Flour. You are hereby required  
and directed to take the Roebuck's Tender under your  
command, and proceed in his Majesty's Sloop under your  
command off that place, and if it appears that there is  
not a sufficient depth of Water for the King of Ships to go into  
the harbour, you are to send the Tender, assisted by your  
Boats, and use your best endeavours to take or destroy  
the said Sloop and any vessel you shall find in the  
harbour. As soon as this service is effected  
(which is only intended and desired to be performed  
in case opportunity of fair weather should offer) you  
are most strictly enjoined to loss no time in proceeding  
to the mouth of the River Delaware, and use every Art  
and Stratagem in your power to obtain as many  
Pilots for that River as you possibly can, also as much  
information concerning the Fortifications and  
Machines which are placed to obstruct the  
Navigation to Philadelphia, as you may be  
able to learn; and having to your utmost executed  
this important Service, you are to Dispatch the Tender  
back to Virginia, and give me an account of your

proceedings. You are also to seize and detain all American vessels whatever and send them to me for examination, likewise all other vessels you may meet with who are attempting to carry on any commerce with America.

You are likewise to annoy the Rebels by every means in your power, and to continue cruising at the Mouth of the Delaware, until another ship can be sent to relieve you, or until you may be obliged by unavoidable necessity to quit that Station, when you are to return here and join me at this place. Given under my hand on board his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck

off Norfolk in Virginia the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feby 1776

Captain Greene  
commander of his Maj: Sloop

A. Hammond

Surgeon Fisher

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq: of 34:

Whereas by a certificate from the Surgeons of his Majesty's Ships the Roebuck, Liverpool and other Sloop of this date; I am informed of your ability and fitness to serve as a Surgeon's Mate of any of His Majesty's Ships of the first Rate. You are hereby required and directed to repair on board His Majesty's Sloop the Otter as Surgeon's Mate and there officiate in all things proper to the duty of your place, as becometh you during the present intended voyage; and to be obeyed unto such commands as you shall from time to time receive from your Captain, or other your superior officer: as also to the Surgeon of the said Sloop for the time being: for which this shall be your Warrant: Given under my hand on board

To M<sup>r</sup> Fred<sup>r</sup> Murray  
lately app<sup>d</sup> (for the time being) Surgeon's Mate of his Maj: Sloop the

His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck  
off Norfolk in Virginia the 22 Feby 1776

Otter

By Andrew Chapman Esq: of

Having received intelligence that there are two armed  
vessels belonging to the Rebels, which lately escorted some  
others laden with flour down the Chesapeake Bay, <sup>and</sup> are now  
supposed to be laying off Baltimore. You are therefore  
hereby required and directed to use all possible despatch in  
getting his Majesty's Ship under your command ready for the  
Sea, to take with you the Liverpool Tender, which is now  
cruizing about the Capes, and proceed immediately up the Bay  
to Baltimore in search of the abovementioned Pirates, to  
pursue them wherever you may get intelligence of them,  
and to use every means in your power to take or destroy them.

When you arrive off Baltimore and should not be  
fortunate enough to meet with the Rebel Privateers, you  
are to endeavour to cut out of the harbour any vessels  
you may suspect to be laden with any kind of Provisions  
or that have the appearance of being proper for armament;  
and in case you should be obstructed in so doing, by the  
Town of Baltimore, you are immediately to fire upon the  
Town, and do your utmost to destroy it. And  
whereas it is reported that the Rebels have erected  
a Battery on a point which commands the mouth  
of the River leading to Baltimore; should that  
prove to be so, and appear to be such that, it cannot  
possibly be destroyed with your force, you will  
in that case content yourself with taking an exact  
Survey of it, rather than expose his Majesty's Arms  
to an insult.

And whereas his Majesty's Ships on the

Mation

Nations are in great want of Provisions, particularly fresh Meat: When the above service shall have been effected, you will consult with Mr. Goodridge (who is to accompany you with an Armed Sloop) and use your best endeavours to procure a quantity of live Stock; And wherever you find the inhabitants disposed to supply you, you are to pay them ready money for every thing you take from them; But if they refuse to do so you are then to take it by force of Arms.

You are to annoy the Rebels by every means in your power, and to Seize and detain all American Rebels you may meet with, as well as those of any other Country that may be Trading with the Americans, and send them to me for examination.

Upon your return you are to call at Annapolis, and deliver the enclosed Packet to Governor Eden -

It is expected that you perform these services with as much expedition as possible, and by no means to be absent longer than 14 Days if it can be avoided when you are to join me in Hampton Roads.

Given under my hand on board his

Majesty's Ship the Roebuck off

Norfolk in Virginia the 26 Feb 1776

A. S. Hammond

S. J.

Captain S. J. Quin

Commander of his Maj's Ship

Otter

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By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq:  
As the Agents to the Contractor are no longer  
able to supply his Majesty's Ships and Vessels in this  
Province, with any Species of Provisions: You are therefore  
hereby required and directed to order the Purser of his  
Majesty's Ship under your command, to Purchase Provisions  
of all species; And this you are to see done with the  
utmost frugality, taking care that the same shall be  
good and wholesome, and in every respect fitting for his  
Majesty's Navy; And to draw Bill on the Commissioners  
of the Victualling for the payment thereof, until further  
order.  
Given under my hand on board his  
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck off Norfolk  
in Virginia the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1776.

To Captain Bellair  
commander of his Maj: Ship the  
Liverpool

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq:

You are hereby required and directed to  
discharge ten Seamen from the Supernumerary  
List of his Majesty's Sloop under your command  
into the Roebuck, taking care to comply with  
the late act of Parliament.

Given under my hand on board  
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck  
at Hampton Roads in Virginia the  
6<sup>th</sup> March 1776

To Captain Game  
commander of his Maj: Sloop  
Kingsfisher

A Hamond

By Andrew Snap Hammond Esq: <sup>Esq: ff: ff:</sup>

You are hereby required and directed to cause  
the Purser of his Majestys Sloop under your command  
to supply the Purser of the Liverpool with the underwritten  
species of Provisions vizt

Beef — Seven hundred pieces

Pork — Eleven hundred pieces

and to take proper receipts for the same.

GIVEN under my hand onboard his  
Maj: Ship the Roebuck at Hampton Roads  
in Virginia the 7<sup>th</sup> March 1776.

Captain Gram  
commander of his Maj: Sloop  
the Kingfisher

A. S. Hammond

By Andrew Snap Hammond Esq: ff: ff:

You are hereby required and directed to discharge  
the Virginia Pilot from the Books of his Majestys Sloop under  
your command into the Roebuck, taking care to comply  
with the late act of Parliament.

Given under my hand onboard his  
Majestys Ship the Roebuck at  
Hampton Roads in Virginia the 7<sup>th</sup> March  
1776.

Captain Gram  
commander of his Maj: Sloop

the Kingfisher

A. S. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq:.

You are hereby required and directed to cause the  
Gunner of his Majestys Sloop under your command to  
Supply the Gunner of the Roebuck with the underment  
Stones vizt.

Empty Powder Barrels - Four N.  
Copper hoops to D - Sixteen

and to take receipts for the same.

Given under my hand on board his  
Majestys Ship the Roebuck at Hamptons  
Road in Virginia the 7<sup>th</sup> March 1776

Captain Grame  
Commander of his Majestys Sloop

A S Hamond

The Kingsfisher By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq:

You are hereby required and directed to  
proceed to sea immediately with the Tender, Lord Howe  
under your comm<sup>d</sup>, and cruise off the mouth of the  
River Delaware, placing yourself in the best manner  
you can to intercept any vessels going in or coming  
out of Philadelphia, which you are to seize and detain,  
and send round to Norfolk.

And whereas I have ordered the Kingsfisher  
Sloop to the same station, you are, while you  
may happen to be together, to put yourself under  
Captain Grame's command, and to use your  
utmost endeavours to procure as many Pilots for  
the River Delaware and the coast as you properly  
can.

John

You are to continue on this Station for to day, when  
you are to return and joine me here, and in case of not  
finding the Roebuck in Hampton Roads, to proceed again  
to the mouth of the Delaware, where the Roebuck will on all  
probability be cruising, with anchor in Hove Hill Roads.

Given under my hand on board this  
Majestys' said Ship the 7th March 1776

Lieut. Ord, commanding A. Hammond  
The Lord Howe, Tender

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq:.

You are hereby required and directed to put to sea  
without amonents loss of time in his Majestys' Sloop  
under your command and proceed with all possible  
expedition to Boston, where you are to deliver the enclosed  
Packet to Rear Admiral Shuldham or the commanding  
officer of his Majestys' Ships and Vessels there, waiting  
his orders for your further proceedings.

Given under my hand on board  
His Majestys' Ship the Roebuck at Hamp-  
ton Roads in Virginia the 8th Mar: 1776

Captain Grawe  
commander of his Maj:斯  
Sloop the

Kingsfisher  
Mem: -

Roebuck at Cape Henlopen the  
29th March 1776

Enclosed Captain Boott has a copy of  
Admiral Graves Private Journals, and appointed  
W. Philip 3<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant in the Room of S. Ball taken by the Rebels  
The same day W. Geo. Edwards had an order to set as fast with regard

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq;  
commander of his Majesty's Ship the  
Roe buck and senior officer of His  
Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Virginia  
and in the River Delaware.

W<sup>r</sup> James Simmins Being appointed Boatswain  
of his Majesty's Ship the Roe buck: You are hereby  
and directed to repair on board the said Ship and  
there take a strict and careful Survey on the  
Remains of Boatswains Stores in the charge of  
W<sup>r</sup> Alexander Forbes the present acting Boatswain,  
and Transfer them into the custody of W<sup>r</sup> James  
Simmins aforesaid; Reporting to me from under your  
hand your proceedings herein.

Given under my hand on board  
his Majesty's Ship the Roe buck  
in Woolkill Road Delaware Bay  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1776.

S<sup>r</sup> T<sup>r</sup>  
The Master of the Roe buck  
and Boatswains of the Liverpool  
and Fowey —

A. Hammond

By Andrew Parker Ramond Esq: &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed without loss of time with his Majestys Ship under your command to Virginia, where you are to take the Otter Sloop under your command, and consulting with His Excellency the Earl of Dunmore (to whom you are to give every sort of Protection and assistance that may be in your power) to station the Ships so as best to frustrate the designs of the enemy, and at the same time so as to give the surest protection to the Lines at Tuckers Mills, and to the Friends of Government who have taken shelter on board Vessels in Elizabeth River.

You are to deliver the enclosed dispatches to Lord Dunmore; and to send the Nautilus or Otters Tender to Cape Fear with those Stores you have on board for the Cruizer Sloop, as soon as possible.

The Victuallers sent out to His Majestys Fleet in America not having yet arrived at Halifax renders it necessary that you should make the provisions you have remaining on board last as long as possible; you are therefore to victual your ships company at two thirds allowance until a further supply can be had.

You are most earnestly required to keep a strict watch over the motions of the enemy, and by a constant guard to prevent any designs they may put in execution against you, by sending down five rafts &c: and to exert the force under your direction

to

to the utmost, for the advantage of His Maj<sup>t</sup> Service.  
You are to remain on this duty untill further order,  
or untill another ship shall arrive that may be  
left to perform that Service, when you are immediately  
to join me in the River Delaware

Given under my hand on board  
His Majestys Ship the Roebuck  
in Woorthill Roads Delaware Bay the  
4<sup>th</sup> May 1776 —

A. J. Hammond

To Captain Montagu  
commander of his Majestys  
Ship the Tonnes

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq.  
F. F. C.

Whereas the service on which the Squadron  
under my command is employed, requires not only  
the utmost exertion against the enemy, but also the  
strictest vigilance and alertness to evade any attempts  
that may be made in the night time to destroy His  
Majestys Ships by fire Rafts &c: and although I  
have the fullest confidence in the conduct and zeal  
of the officers serving with me, yet I think it  
necessary at the time I am giving Orders for the  
safety and defence of the Ships in the night time  
to declare to them, that whoever shall distinguish  
himself in the performance of any Service under my  
command may rely most fully on my unfeigned  
endeavours to obtain them ample rewards for their merits.

and

And on the other hand to assure them that, every neglect hild  
be as strictly enquired after.

You are therefore hereby required to make the above known  
to the officers of his Majesty's Ship under your command  
and punctually to observe the following directions to prevent  
any surprize from the enemy.

Every Ship is to keep the Station allotted her for the night,  
for which purpose a signal will be made in the evening;  
And if none should be made, then each Ship is to remain  
in the Station she was in the night before; The Cable  
is to be brought too ready for weighing the Anchor, in case  
of a signal being made for that purpose; or that it may  
be absolutely necessary to move for the safety of the Ship.  
A Spring is also to be stowed along on each side ready to  
fix to the Cable, in order to bring the Guns to bear upon any  
particular point; The Sails are to be furled with Rope  
Yarns, and the Ship is to be kept constantly clear for  
action, particularly in the night time; The Guns are  
to be loaded with round and grape shot, and kept  
primed, with two charges of Powder for each Gun  
brought up at Sun Set.

The Ships company are to be kept at 3<sup>o</sup> Watch and  
each Man of the Watch is to be Armed: A Boat  
from each Ship is constantly to Row Guard during  
the Night from the Setting of the Watch until the  
Gun fires in the morning: They are to repair  
on board the Roebuck in the Evening for Orders, and  
to make their report at 8 o'clock in the morning.

They

They are to be provided with Arms and false fires, also  
a small anchor and harver, and the hand and hawser fire  
grapnel, and to be always on deck during the night.

(Given under my hand on board  
His Majestys Ship the Roebuck off  
Whidbenton Creek River Delaware  
the 8th May 1776 -

To  
Captain Bellin  
Commander of his Maj: Ship the  
Liverpool

J H Hammond

Instructions of Signals for the Guard Boats &c.

In case they should discover any object moving  
on the water, and not be able to judge immediately what  
it is, they are then to shew a light, open only in that  
direction in which the ships are, and so as not to  
be perceived by the enemy. They are then immediately  
to row towards it, and as soon as they can plainly  
discern it to be the enemy, They are to burn a false  
light, and fire a Musquet, which the Ships will  
answer by shewing a light; When the Boats are  
immediately to pursue, and use their best endeavours  
to take the Vessel; But if it shall be found to be a false  
Ship, or any machine intended to annoy the Ships,  
the Boats will then burn two false fires, and all  
the Boats of the Squadron will be immediately sent  
to their assistance in towing off the Firestage or bring-  
ing it to an anchor, as may be found most practicable.

4 lights at the Brigittaff For all Boats Manned and ready  
one over the other

2 lights, one at each end When I should have the Gunwale  
Jack yard arm & repair onboard the Boreas.

2 guns fired quickly For the Squadron to see.  
Several salutes For the Squadron to see.

ASR.

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq;  
You are hereby required and directed to proceed  
to sea without loss of time with his Majesty's Sloop under  
your command and cruise off of the Capes of Virginia;  
and from thence to Hampton Roads, taking care to place  
your ship in the best situation for speaking with all  
vessels bound in or going out.

And whereas his Excellency the Earl of Dunmore  
has acquainted me that, he is in daily expectation  
of the arrival of a Brig laden with Provisions from  
the West Indies for the use of the Troops under his  
Lordships command, and as it is of the highest  
consequence that she should be informed of the  
removal of the Fleet from Norfolk; You are to  
keep a particular look out for the said Vessel, and if  
you are so fortunate as to meet with her, you will  
conduct her safe to this place.

You are to remain on this Service for fourteen  
days, unless I should find it necessary for his  
Majestys Service to recall you sooner.

Given,

N.B. Del. the new Private  
Signals, same time

Given under my hand on board his  
S: Majestys Ship the Roebuck off of  
Gwines Island, Chesapeake bay - Virginia  
20 May 1776.

To Captain Squire  
commander of his Maj: Sloop  
the  
Otter

A. J. Hammond.

By Andrew Jope. Hammond Esq: de: gi: a.  
You are hereby required and directed to proceed  
to sea as soon as possible with his Majestys Sloop  
under your command, and put into execution such  
part of those Orders you received from me on the  
20<sup>th</sup> of last Month, as are not already executed, and  
to lose no opportunity of annoying the enemy by  
every means in your power.

Given under my hand on  
board his Majestys Ship the  
Roebuck off Gwines Island  
Chesapeake bay in Virginia the  
2 June 1776.

A. J. Hammond

To Captain Squire  
commander of his Majestys Sloop  
the  
Otter

Dear Sirs -

Roebuck off of Quins Il. in Virginia  
3 June 1776.

Morrow being the Anniversary of His  
Majestys Birth Day, a salute of Twenty one Guns  
is to be fired from the Fowey, and as many from  
the Tenders as they can fire with convenience,  
to begin at the discharge of the Second Gun  
from the Roebuck.

A. J. Hammond

J. C. Captain Montagu  
commander of His Maj: Ship

Fowey

By Andrew Shape Hammond Esq:  
ge: go:.

Whereas I have received information that  
there are several Row Galleys building by the  
Rebels up Rappahannock River, and that there  
is a Brig taking in a cargo at or near Hobbs Point.

You are therefore hereby required and directed, to  
take with the Finchastle Tender under your command,  
the Lady Susan Tender commanded by M<sup>r</sup> Goodrich,  
and proceed up the said River, and do your utmost  
to take or destroy the Galleys, or any other Vessels, or  
Boats you may meet with belonging to the Rebels,  
and otherwise to annoy the enemy by every means  
in your power.

After

After having run up the River as you  
find can be done with safety, or is necessary for the  
performance of this Service, you are to make the  
best of your way down again and join me at this  
place.

J. S.

Lieut. John Wright  
commander of the Otters Tender  
under the  
Fincastle

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at  
Gwines Island the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1776.

A S Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq<sup>r</sup>

You are hereby required and directed to proceed  
with the Roebucks Tender under your command without  
loss of time to Charles Town S<sup>r</sup>. Carolina where you are  
to deliver the enclosed dispatches to Sir Peter Parker, and  
General Clinton, and (if Sir Peter has no commands  
for you) to proceed on to Saint Augustine and deliver  
the enclosed Packets, and the provisions you have on  
board for the Garrison there to Governor Tonyn, when  
having so done, you are to make the best of your way  
back to Virginia and to join me at this place.

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at  
Gwines Island in Virginia the 9<sup>th</sup> June  
1776 - A S Hammond

J. S.  
Dick. Whidbey  
commander of the Roebucks  
Tender the  
Pembroke

By Andrew Braxton Hammond Esq: June 10<sup>th</sup>

You are hereby required and directed to proceed forthwith with the Roebucks Tender under your command to the Mouth of the River Delaware, where you will find his Majestys Ship Liverpool cruizing at some small distance from the Capes, and having met with her you are to deliver the enclosed dispatches to Captain Bellew and wait his orders for your further proceedings.

In case after cruizing for two or three days you should not meet with the Liverpool; you are then to proceed on to New York, and deliver the enclosed letter to Captain Parker of his Majestys Ship Phœnix, and after having so done to return to Virginia and join me at this place.

Given under my hand  
onboard his Majestys Ship the  
Roebuck at Gwinns Island in  
Virginia the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1776.

A. S. Hammond

N.B. The Private Signal  
between the Liverpool of  
any Vessel sent to her, is  
a bark at the Masthead  
of each

To W<sup>r</sup> Edward James  
commander of the Roebucks Tender

The Ranger

By Andrew Sharp Sparrow Esq.

Whereas Robert Eden Esq; Governor of Maryland  
has acquainted me that he can no longer remain in his  
Government, now in an open Rebellion against the  
King, with any degree of safety to himself, or advantage  
to His Majesty's Service; and that he has obtained  
permission from the Committee, abandoning the  
Government of the province, to leave the Colony, upon  
condition that any of His Majesty's Ships which  
may be sent for him do not commit any Hostilities  
whilst upon that Service.

It is therefore my desire and direction to you,  
that you proceed forthwith in his Majesty's Ship  
under your command to Annapolis, and by a Flag  
of Truce acquaint the Governor that you are  
come to receive him and his Servants on board, as  
well as any other well affected subjects to His  
Majesty that may claim your protection.

You are also to comply with a command the  
Governor has given, and not commit any Hostilities  
upon the Rebels whilst on that service, as long as  
they observe the same conduct with respect to His  
Majesty's Ship or her Boats;

But if any insult whatever should be offered  
to either, you are at liberty to act against them as  
you may think proper.

But if the Committee should have altered their  
mind with respect to the Governor, and refuse him  
permission to leave the province, you are in that  
case

call to your utmost endeavours to destroy the Town  
and otherwise distress the enemy by every means in your  
power.

As the Fowey is much wanted for the immediate  
protection of Guineas Island, it is expected and required  
of you to use the utmost expedition on this Service, &  
remain no longer at Annapolis than is absolutely  
necessary to receive the Governor and his people on  
board, when having so done you are to return hither  
and join me at this place.

Given under my hand on board his  
Majestys Ship the Roebuck at Guineas  
Island in Virginia the 16 June 1776

A J Hamond

To  
Captain Montagu  
commander of his Majestys  
Ship the Fowey.

By And w: Snape Hamond Esq

W: Chafee Russel Purser of His Maj  
Sloop the Otter having acquainted me by letter  
of this date, that his ill state of health renders  
him incapable of performing his duty any  
longer on board her.

You are therefore hereby required & directed  
to repair on board his Majestys Sloop the Otter, and  
examine into the State of W: Russel the Purser  
health, and report to me from under your hand  
your proceedings thereon. Given the 19th June 1776

To the Surgeon of his Maj: Ship Roebuck  
and Otter Sloop, & the first Mate of the  
Roebuck

A Hamond

By An Order of the Admiralty

Whereas W. Noel Swinney is appointed Purser of his Majestys Sloop the Otter, in the Room of W. Chase Rupel, whose ill State of health, has rendered him incapable of performing his duty any longer onboard her.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board his Majestys Sloop the Otter, and there take a strict and careful Survey of the Remains of all the Provisions, Slops, Casks and Stores &c: in charge of W. Chase Rupel the Purser, and transfer them to W. Noel Swinney appointed to act in that capacity; reporting to me from under your hands, your proceedings thereon.

Given under my hand on board  
his Majestys Ship the Roebuck  
at Gwines Island in Virginia the  
20<sup>th</sup> June 1776

J. A. Hammond

The Master & Purser of  
the Roebuck and Master of  
the Otter

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq: M:rs

Whereas Mr. Chas Russell Purser of His  
Majestys Sloop the Otter, has been through an ill state  
of health, rendered incapable of performing his duty  
any longer: By virtue of the power and Authority <sup>given</sup> to  
me given, I do hereby appoint you to act as Purser of  
His Majestys Sloop the Otter, together with such  
an allowance of Wages and victuals for yourself  
and Servant as is proper and usual for the Purser  
of the said Sloop; and you in pursuance thereof  
are to pay a True, and timely account of all such  
Provisions and Victuals, money, Stores and other  
necessaries as shall be committed to your charge  
from time to time.

Given under my hand on board  
his Majestys Ship Rockbuck at  
Gwyns Island in Virginia the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
June 1776.

A. S. Hamond

W. Noel Swinney  
hereby appointed to Act as  
Purser of His Majestys Sloop  
Otter.

17 July And I have the honor to say of  
In consequence of Orders from Vice Admiral  
Shuldham: You are hereby required and directed  
to cause a proportion of Rice to be issued to the company  
of His Majestys Ship under your command, on Mondays  
in Lieu of Oatmeal for that Day.

You are likewise required and directed to cause  
the company of His Majestys Ship under your  
command to be put at whole allowance of all species  
of Provisions, and continue the same until further  
order.

Given under my hand on board  
his Majestys Ship the Roebuck at  
Guins Island (scd<sup>a</sup>) in Virginia the  
24 June 1776.

A. Hammond

To  
The respective Captains  
of the Squadron vizt - Captain Squire -  
Montague

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq:.

Captain Squire commander of his Majesty's  
Sloop Otter, having acquainted me by letter of this date,  
that there is a quantity of bad bread on board, unfit for  
men to eat, and requested an order for a Survey to be  
had thereon.

You are hereby required and directed to repair  
on board his Maj: Sloop Otter, and take a strict and  
careful Survey of the Bread complained of, and if you  
find it as represented, you are to see it thrown  
overboard into the Sea, reporting to me from under  
your hands, your proceedings thereon, when and where  
rec'd and to what cause you judge its defect.

Given at Gwinn's Island the  
1 July 1776

A. Hammond

To  
The Masters of the  
Roeback and Otter and of the  
Masters Mates of his M: Ship

Roeback By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq:.

W. Samuel Thomas Master of the Swallow vict<sup>o</sup>  
Transport, having represented to me by letter of this  
date, that he has great reason to apprehend, the Spirits  
in Cask on board, ordered for his Majesty's Ships at  
this place want inspection, from the length of time  
which they have been Shipped, and prays that proper  
persons may be ordered to see such deficient cask properly  
fitted up according to their first Gauge. You are

hereby required and directed to repair on board the said  
Victualler and there take a strict and careful, on the

cards

q/1  
Cards of Spirits complained of, and if you find them as  
represented, you are to see them properly filled up, report  
to me from under your hands, your proceedings thereon;  
and to what cause you judge the defects.

Given under my hand on board His  
Majesty's Ship Roebuck at Gwines  
Island in Virginia the 27 June 1776.

To  
The Masters of the Roebuck  
and Otter, and one of the Masters  
Mates of His Majesty's Ship the

Roebuck

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Fe. 17<sup>th</sup>

W. Samuel Thomas Master of the Servant  
Virtualler, having represented to me by letter of this  
date, that he has a quantity of bread in charge, cast  
by Survey at New York by order of the commanding  
officer at that place, which is become quite noisome  
in the Ship, and prays that an order may be  
granted to inspect the same.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on  
board the said victualling Transport, and inspect  
the Bread complained of, and if you find it as re-  
presented, you are to see it thrown overboard into the  
Sea; reporting to me from under your hands, your  
proceedings thereon.

To  
The Masters of the Roebuck  
and Otter, and one of the Masters  
Mates of his Maj: Ship Roebuck

Given under my hand on board  
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at  
Gwines Island in Virginia the 1 July 1776

A. Hamond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq;

Having Ordered his Majestys Ship the Fowey  
to receive from the Servant Victualling Transport under  
your charge a quantity of Provisions: You are hereby  
required and directed, as soon as you have complied  
with her demand, to go immediately alongside of  
the Anna Transport in Gwines Island harbour, and  
use the utmost dispatch, in putting on board her, of  
clearing yourself of all the remains of Provisions,  
Stores &c: on account of Government, and to take  
from the Master of the Said Anna Transport proper  
receipts for the same; and having <sup>done</sup> so you are  
without loss of time, to proceed forthwith in the  
Servant Victualler under your charge to the Port  
of London, and on your arrival there to acquaint  
the Commissioners for Victualling his Majestys  
Navy therewith Given under my hand on

board his Majestys Ship the  
Roebeck at Gwines Island in  
Virginia the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1776.

To  
W. Samuel Thomas  
Master of the Servant  
Vict. Transport

A. Hammond

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By Andrew Joseph Hammond Esq.

Having ordered Mr. Samuel Thomas Master  
of the Swallow Victualling Transport to deliver unto  
your custody all the remains of Provisions, Stores &c.  
that he stands charged with from Government:

You are hereby required and directed to receive  
from the Swallow Victualler on board the Anna  
Transport under your charge, all the provisions,  
Stores &c. on account of Government, and to give  
proper receipts for the same.

And you are further required and directed to be  
particularly careful of all such provisions, Stores  
&c. as may be committed to your charge, to pre-  
vent Embezzlement, and be present at the issuing  
of the same from time to time to his Majesty's  
Ships.

Given under my hand on  
board his Majesty's Ship the  
Roebeck at Gwyns Island in  
Virginia the 5 July 1776.

A. J. Hammond

To The Master of the  
Anna Transport at Gwyns  
Island Harbour

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq: &c:

Sam'l: Cheetham mid: The Petty officer and Cork named in the Margin  
L: Lapcell Cork belonging to his Majesty's Ship under your command  
having been Surveyed and judged unfit for his  
Majesty's Service: You are hereby required and directed  
to discharge them unuseful accordingly, sending them  
on board the Levant Victualling Transport for a passage  
to England, taking care to comply with the late of act  
of Parliament. Given under my hand on board his  
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck in the  
River Potowmack Virginia the 13 July  
1776.

John Montagu  
Captain Montagu  
commander of his Majesty's Ship

Done. By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq:

Whereas the Armed Ship on board of which his  
Excellency the Earl of Dunmore Governor of Virginia is  
embarked has been under the necessity of cutting  
away two of her Anchors to avoid the fire of a Battery  
erected by the enemy against her, and remains affreight  
with a single Anchor: You are therefore hereby required  
and directed to supply the Ship Dunmore with one of  
the Bower Anchors belonging to the Levant Victualler  
under your command, taking his Lordships receipt for  
the same, specifying the weight of it, and for so doing this  
shall be your warrant. Given under my hand on board  
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck off of

S<sup>t</sup> Marys River Virginia the 13 July 1776

John W: Samuel Thomas  
Master of the Levant Vict: Transport

J: S: Hamond

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By And: Shape Hammond Esq: &c:

Whereas the Cook of His Majesty's Ship the  
Towey is discharged unserviceable from her; By virtue  
of the Power and Authority to me given, I do hereby  
appoint you Duncan Morison to act as Master Cook  
of his Majesty's Ship the Towey aforesaid, together  
with such an allowance of Wages and Victualls for  
your self and Servant as is proper and usual for a  
Master Cook of the said Ship.

Given under my hand on board  
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck off  
P. Mary River in Virginia the 18<sup>th</sup>  
July 1776.

At Hammond

W. Duncan Morison  
hereby appointed to act as Cook  
of his Majesty's Ship the Towey.

By Andrew Anape Hamond Esq;  
commander of His Majesty's Ship the  
Roebuck and senior officer of His  
Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed  
at Virginia and in the River Delaware

Captain Montagu commander of His Majesty's Ship the Fowey  
having acquainted me by letter of this date, that the Master of the said Ship  
finds himself much afflicted with a Scurvy and Pneumatism, which  
renders him incapable of performing the necessary duties of his station;  
and having found no relief from Medicine, he has desired him to apply  
for an order to Survey him.

You are therefore hereby required and directed  
to repair on board his Majesty's Ship the Fowey, and strictly examine  
into the state of health of her Master, and report to me from under  
your hands your proceedings thereon.

To  
The Surgeons of His  
Majesty's Ships the Roebuck,  
Fowey and other.

Given under my hand on  
board his Majesty's Ship the  
Roebuck in the River Potowmack  
in Virginia 30<sup>th</sup> July 1776  
A. A. Hamond

By Andrew Anape Hamond Esq;  
Captain Montagu commander of His Majesty's  
Ship the Fowey having acquainted me that the Boatswain of the  
said Ship has been for sometime past under confinement

You are hereby required and directed to repair on  
board his Majesty's Ship the Fowey and there take a strict and care-  
full Survey on all the remains of Bontawins Stores, and transfor-  
them from the charge of her present Boatswain, into the custody of  
Mr. Alexander Barber appointed to act as Boatswain, reporting to  
me from under your hands your proceedings thereon

To  
The Masters of His  
Majesty's Ships the  
Roebuck, Fowey and other.

Given under my hand on  
board His Majesty's Ship the  
Roebuck in the River Potowmack  
in Virginia the 30<sup>th</sup> July 1776  
A. A. Hamond

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq: <sup>Genl</sup>  
You are hereby required and directed forthwith,  
without loss of time in Majestys Sloop under your  
command, taking the Pinacette, your Tender, with  
you, and Cruize off the Capes of Virginia, taking  
care to place your Sloop and Tender in the best  
situation you can possibly for annoying the Enemy,  
and speaking with, and examining all vessels coming  
in or going out thereof, until further order.

Given under my hand on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
His Majestys Ship the Proebuck  
in the River Potowmack in  
Captain Squier Virginia the 30<sup>th</sup> July 1776.  
Commander of His Maj: Ship  
P. A. Hamond

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq: <sup>Genl</sup>  
Whereas the Boatswain of his Majestys Ship the  
Fowey is under confinement: I do hereby appoint you to  
act as Boatswain of His Majestys Ship the Fowey, requiring  
and directing you to repair forthwith on board her, and  
to take upon you the charge and employ of Boatswain  
accordingly, and to be always obedient to such commands as  
you shall from time to time receive from your Captain,  
or any other your superior Officers, and to discharge your  
trust faithfully, and to hold the said employment untill  
further order.

Given under my hand on  
board His Majestys Ship the  
Proebuck in the River  
Potowmack Virginia  
the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1776  
P. A. Hamond  
M<sup>r</sup> Alexander Forbes  
hereby appointed to act  
as Boatswain for the time  
being of his Majestys Ship  
the Fowey.

Given under my hand on  
board His Majestys Ship the  
Proebuck in the River  
Potowmack Virginia  
the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1776  
P. A. Hamond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq: Dec: 22: 1775

Whereas the Master of His Majesty's Ship the Rover  
has been through an ill state of health, rendered quite incapable of performing  
the necessary duties of his station any longer, I do hereby appoint you to be  
Master of his Majesty's Ship the Rover, and to take charge of her as  
Master until further Order, officiating in all things proper to the duty  
of your place as becometh you, hereby willing and requiring all inferior  
officers and seamen (as they tender the welfare of his Majesty's Service)  
and will answer the contrary at their trials, to observe your directions  
in the full and due execution of this your office, and yourself also to  
observe and be obedient unto such commands as you shall from time  
to time receive from your Captain, or other your superior officer  
in his absence.

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship the Rovrebuck  
in Potowmack River 1<sup>st</sup> August 1775

Ad: Hammond

To  
W<sup>m</sup> Lewis Parker  
hereby appointed (for the time  
being) Master of His Majesty's  
Ship the Rover.

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq:

The great number of families inhabiting  
vessels, ill provided with all sorts of materials, that  
have ever since the destroying of the Town of Norfolk put  
themselves under the protection of His Majesty's Ships,  
have been found to be so great an inconvenience to  
his Majesty's Service that it is become absolutely  
necessary that they should be sent to a place of Security.  
You are therefore hereby required and directed to take  
all such vessels under your care and protection, giving  
them the necessary sailing instructions and proceed  
with <sup>them</sup> to the Port of St. Augustine, using your best  
endeavors to prevent any of them from falling into the  
hands of the Enemy, when after having seen them

Safe

safe over the Bar, you are to return without loss of time to your Station and cruise between the Capes of Virginia to annoy the enemy by every means in your power.

Given under my hand on board  
his Majesty's Ship the Rockbuck  
in Potowmack River Virginia  
the 31 July 1776.

J. P. Squire  
Captain Squire  
commander of his Majesty's Ship

the Otter.

A. S. Hammond

By order of Captain Squire

All are hereby required and directed to receive  
from the Prison Brig of his Excellency the  
Earl of Dunmore all the Prisoners and bear  
them on a separate Supernumerary List, and  
Victual them at Two thirds allowance of all  
Species of Provisions until further Order.

Given under my  
hand on board His Majesty's  
Ship the Rockbuck in the  
River Potowmack Virginia the  
30 July 1776

A. S. Hammond

J. P. Squire  
Captain Squire  
commander of his Majesty's Ship  
the Otter

By Andrew Innes Hamond Esq. Barrister.

W. Samuel Thomas Master of the Count Wimond  
Transport, having represented to me by Letter of this date,  
that he imagines all the Casks of Spirits, ordered to be put  
on board the Anna Transport, in order to clear his Ship, want  
filling up, owing to their being long shipt, and that the  
Master of the Anna will not receive them before

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the  
Accountant's Vessel, and there take a strict and very full  
Survey of all them represented, and see that every cash  
of which he is to discharge himself off, properly filled,  
reporting to me from under your hands, your proceeding  
therein, and to what cause you find the defects.

Given under my hand on board His  
Majesty's Ship the Rockbuck this  
2 August 1776

of the Master and two of  
his mates of His Majesty's  
Ship the Rochefort etc

Mr  
A. A. Hamond

By and Snape Hamond Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
You are hereby required and directed to receive  
on board the Seavant Victualling Transport under your  
command from his Majestys Ships under mentioned  
the Warrant officers, unserviceable Seamen, and invalids  
Marine, against their names expressed. viz<sup>r</sup>.

Broebuck ..... Wm. Smith (1) - ab

Thomas Delahay - Capt. C<sup>o</sup>

Job Colman - Private Maine

W. Koller - - - Master

W. Sam'l. Chetham. Mids".

John Lascall - Cook

for a Passage to England and victual them at the usual  
allowance of all Species of Provisions, and on your arrival  
at the Port of London to acquaint the Honorable the Prince  
of Wales and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy therewith.

of  
W. Samuel Thomas  
M<sup>l</sup> of the above Amt<sup>l</sup> Gang

Given under my hand on the  
21st M<sup>r</sup> 1879 at New York  
C. D. C. M.

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq;  
commander of His Majesty's Ship the  
Proebucks, and Senior Officer of His  
Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed  
at Virginia and in the River Delaware.

Order of the Purser of his Majesty's Ship under my command having  
represented to me by Letter of this date, that there is a  
quantity of Bread on board mouldy and unsuit for  
service and men to eat, desiring a survey thereon.

You are hereby required and directed to take a strict  
and carefull survey of the Bread complained of, and if  
you find it as represented, you are to see it thrown  
overboard into the sea, reporting to me from under  
your hands your proceedings therein, and where and  
when received, and to what cause you judge its defects.

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship the Proebucks  
at New York the 13 May 1776.

A. A. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond

Whereas the company of his Majesty's Ship under  
my command are in great want of Shirts, Frocks and  
Trowsers; you are hereby required and directed to purchase  
1200 Chequ'd Shirts

1200 Frocks

1200 Trowsers.

for their use, and this you are to do with the utmost frugality  
and see that they are good in kind, and in every respect  
fitting for his Majesty's Navy; And to draw Bills on the  
Honorable the Admirable Officers and Commissioners of his  
Majesty's Navy for the payment thereof.

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship Proebucks at  
Gwyns Island in Virginia 7 July 1776.

A. A. Hammond

James Mason  
Purser of his Majesty's Ship  
Proebucks

By Andrew Chapman Hammond Captain  
U.S.A.

You are hereby required and directed to cruise  
off the Capes of Virginia until you meet with His  
Majesty's Ship the Flower, when you are to deliver  
the enclosed despatches to Captain Montague, and  
follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given under my hand on board  
his Majesty's Ship the roe buck at  
Cape Henry in Virginia the 6<sup>th</sup>.

August 1776

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W. Rich Whicker

G. S. Hammond

commander of the *Roebuck*,

Sender

the Pembroke

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esquire M: D: No: 4

The very sickly state of the Squadron of His Majesty's Ships under my Command, makes it necessary at this critical time, absolutely necessary to establish a place for sick Quarter Master, and otherwise for the speedy recovery of the sick.

I do hereby appoint you to be Surgeon for the  
care, and cure of all such sick and hurt Seamen, Marines, invalids, &c.  
as shall be landed, or put on board the Hospital Vessel, from his  
Majesty's Ships and Vessels, from time to time at Virginia, at  
the Rate, considering the great scarcity of Provisions and Medic-  
-ines, of one Shilling and Sixpence Sterling for each per diem, accord-  
-ing to the Custom of His Majesty's Navy: And you are in conse-  
-quence of this Appointment, to take upon you the care of all such  
sick and hurt Seamen, Marines and invalids accordingly, and to  
draw Bills upon the Commissioners of the sick and hurt for the  
whole expences attending the same, in the manner, and accord-  
-ing to the said allowance, of one Shilling and Sixpence a day  
(which person to sent, and all other allowance over and above  
established by the said Commissioners in similar cases for

whilst this shall be your Warrant.

W<sup>o</sup> Charles Fletcher hereby  
despender, for the time being Surgeon  
for the care of the sick and Hurt  
Seamen sent from his Majestys Ships  
and Vessels at  
Virginia

Given under my hand on board His  
Majestys Ship the Proebuck in Elizabeth  
River in Virginia the 26 February 1776

A J Hammond

Whereas his Excellency the Earl of Dunmore  
Governor of Virginia has represented to me, that he  
has hired several Vessels to act against the Colony,  
and has made application for a few Men and  
Ordinance Stores, to arm the Lady Charlotte Tender  
for annoying the Rebels, as well as the Protection  
of his Excellencies Camp on Gwyns Island.

You are therefore hereby required and directed  
to send without loss of time on board the Lady Charlotte  
Tender, one of your Quarter Deck, Petty officers and  
Seamen with the quantity of ordnance stores  
following for that purpose, viz.

Iron Ordnance 12 Pounds	Two	N.
Apron of Lead Small	Two	
Wadhooks 12 P <sup>l</sup> ..	Complete	One
Ladle .. d		One
Musquetes Bright	Eight	
Half Pipes	Seven	
Boxes, Pcs of Belts	Five	
Powder Horns	Two	
Swords Scabbards of Belts	Six	
Hand Sowleaves of 5 feet	Two	
Powder	Thirty pounds	
Musquet Shot	Twenty	
Cartridges 12 P <sup>l</sup> ..	Thirty	N.
Round Shot 12 D	Thirty	
Grapes 12 d	Thirty	

for

For which this shall be your Order  
Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship Roebuck at  
Gwyns Island in Virginia the 1<sup>st</sup>  
June 1776. A. J. Hammond

To Captain Montague  
Commander of His Majesty's Ship  
the Rover.

In Council of Safety.

Philadelphia December 21 1776

W<sup>r</sup> Davis Brown having informed the board  
that Captain Hammond commander of His Majesty's Ship  
the Roebuck had a number of Prisoners onboard His  
Ship that were taken out of Trading Vessels belonging  
to the United States of America, and that he was  
desirous of exchanging them for an equal number of  
like prisoners, subjects of Great Britain. But it having  
been the uniform practice of this State to release all such  
prisoners immediately on their arrival in this City,  
leaving them to their liberty to enter the Merchant  
service if they chose or otherwise dispose of themselves;  
this board therefore have it not in their power to make  
any such exchange, But it is Resolved.

That this Council will deliver over to the Orders of  
Captain Hammond or any other officer of the King of Great  
Britain an equal number of such prisoners as he may  
release of the Subjects of these States whenever this Council  
shall have it in their power.

W<sup>r</sup> Davis Brown

Extract from the Minutes

Archibald Campbell



Cape off New York Nov<sup>th</sup> 25 1776.

My Lord

Being directed by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty pursuant to the Kings pleasure signified by letter from Lord George Germain, one of His Majestys principal Secretarys of State, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> of last August, to inquire into the truth of the Facts there stated, with relation to the capture of two Transports carried into Boston, as represented in General Glares letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> of the preceding Month; When by a Disposition of the Ships of War under your Lordships command transmitted it appears, that His Majestys Ships the Renown and Milford, and the armed Vessel the Hope and Halifax were then stationed in Boston Bay; And also to inquire into the Reasons which so long operated to prevent the stationing of a small Squadron of His Majestys Ships in the Delaware, as directed by their Lordships Order of the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1775; and into the motives which induced the removal of the Rockbuck and Liverpool from that River, when at length it had been thought fit to station them there. And being further charged to report to their Lordships for His Majestys information, the Result of my appointed enquiries in those several respects; I send your Lordship herewith a copy of the said letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> of August from the Secretary of State; And am to St. equity you will please to communicate to me, such further lights on those matters in addition to the copies of your Orders to and Correspondence with the Captains of the Ships before named delivered soon after my arrival in this port, as you conceive

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may be conducive to the purpose of the King's commands, signified to their Lordships as in that Letter expressed.

I have the Honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships

most obedient

The R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord Shuldham humble servant  
Vice-Admiral of the Blue: <sup>of</sup> His Maj<sup>y</sup> Howe

Copy

Whitehall 16 August 1776

My Lords

Having had the Honor to lay before the King the copy of Vice-Admiral Lord Shuldham's Letter to your Lordships of the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, transmitted to me in your Letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, in which he acquaints your Lordships that upon quitting the Harbour of Boston with the Fleet, he had stationed a Squadron of his Majesty's Ships in Nantasket Roads, under the command of Captain Banks of the Renown, for the purpose, as he express'd it, "of intercepting and sending to Halifax the Ships with the Supplies ordered to Boston, and which would consequently be ignorant of the removal of the Fleet and Army"; And having also laid before His Majesty the Disposition of the Ships under Lord Shuldham's Command, dated the 6<sup>th</sup> July last transmitted to your Lordships Letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, from which it appears, that His Majesty's Ships Renown and Milford, the Slope Sloop and Halifax Brigantine were then stationed in Boston Bay.

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His Majesty remained with much surprise, to find in the account given by General Howe in his letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, of the Capture of two Transports with part of the Highland Regiments on board, those Transports are said to have been carried into Boston without having been intercepted by any of His Majesty's Ships; That other accounts from different Quarters represent that Harbour as an asylum for the Rebel Cruisers and their Prizes, and that the late advices from Halifax mention the arrival there of the Renown and Milford, two of the Ships stated by Lord Shuldharn to be cruising in the Bay of Boston.

His Majesty was therefore pleased to command me to signify to your Lordships His Majesty's pleasure that you do direct Lord Howe to enquire into the Truth of these Facts, and into the conduct of the officers commanding such of His Majesty's Ships as have been stationed in Nantasket Roads, or appointed to cruise in the Bay of Boston since the Evacuation of that Town by the Army, and to report the same to your Lordships for His Majesty's information.

I am further commanded to signify to your Lordships His Majesty's pleasure that Lord Howe be also directed to enquire into, and report to your Lordships, for His Majesty's information, the Causes which so long operated to prevent the station of a small Squadron of His Majesty's Ships in the Delaware Bay, agreeable to what was signified to your Lordship by the Earl of Dartmouth, by His

Majesty

Majestys command, in his Lordships letter of the  
7<sup>th</sup> of July 1775; and what were the motives which  
induced the removal of His Majestys Ships Rockland  
and Liverpool from that River, when at length it  
had been thought fit to station them there, by which  
an opportunity was afforded to a large number  
of the Rebels' Ships to sail from thence without inter-  
ruption, and for bringing in Supplies of all Sorts  
of Ammunition and other necessaries, of which  
the Rebels stood so much in need

I am

My Lords

Your Lordships

most Obedient

humble Servant.

Geo. Germain

*Lords of the Admiralty.*

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esqre  
Captain of His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck

In consequence of orders from the Lord H<sup>t</sup> Bowes  
Vice admiral of the White and commander in chief of His  
Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America.

You are hereby required and directed to put your  
self under my command and follow all such orders  
and directions as you shall from time to time receive from  
me for His Majesty's Service.

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at  
New York the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1776.

A S Hammond

Captain Wilkinson of His Maj<sup>t</sup> Ship Pearl.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Captain Elphinston ... Perseus.

----- Phipps ... Camilla

Captain Linzee ... Falcon

Distinguishing Signals  
del<sup>t</sup> the above Captains.

Pendants.

Red	White	Blue	Plain
Roebuck	Pearl	Perseus	Main top mast head
Camilla	Falcon		Fores top mast head Mizzen top mast head

By Andrew Brape Hammond Esq; R.N.  
Captain of His Majesty's Ship the  
Roebeck.

You are hereby directed to use all possible  
dispatch in preparing His Majesty's Ship under your  
command for the Sea; when having so done, you are  
to sail with the first opportunity of wind and weather,  
and being five leagues S<sup>E</sup>. from Sandy Hook, open  
the enclosed Packet, and proceed forthwith as the  
Orders therein contained direct.

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship the Roebeck  
at New York the 7<sup>th</sup> Decr 1776

To  
The Captain Wilkinson  
and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Captain Phipps

A. Hammond

Private Signals,  
Private Signals for his Majesty's Ships under  
my command to know each other.

By Day.

The Ship to Windward shall lower down her  
Foretopsail, which the Ship to Leeward shall answer  
by lowering down her Maintopsail, then the  
Ship to Windward shall hoist an English Jack at  
her Maintopmasthead, which the Ship to Leeward  
shall answer by hoisting an English Jack at her  
Foretopmasthead, then both Ships shall hoist  
their proper colours.

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# By Night

The Ship to windward shall hoist Two lights which  
they can best be seen, one over the other, the Ship to leeward  
to hoist Two lights, abreast of each other, when they can  
best be seen; Then the Ship to windward to burn one false  
fire, and the other to burn Two.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship  
the Roebuck at New York the 7<sup>th</sup> Decr: 1776

J. S. Hammond

To

The respective Captains of  
His Majesty's Ships the  
Pearl - Perseus - Camilla of Fortune.

His

His Majesty's Ship under my command not being  
provided with sufficient Colours for making all Lord Howe's  
Signals; I have thought proper to substitute the following  
ones, in addition thereto. vix.

No.

Flags &c.

1. To prepare to Anchors ----- Union Jack. ----- Mizen Peck
2. To have to the ----- N. E. ----- Red and Blue ----- N.W. ----- Blue and Red ----- Mizen Shrouds
3. For the Ships to Look out ----- White and Blue ----- Foretopmast head
4. For the Ships to gather before the close  
of day agreeable to the C<sup>h</sup>air. Pages. } Blue and White ----- Mizen top. Head
5. For seeing strange Sails N. E. ----- a Jack ----- Ensign staff  
N.W. ----- a Jack ----- Mizen Peck
6. That the chancing ship can come  
up with the chace without losing  
company. ----- White ----- Mizen top. head
7. To denote Soundings gained ----- a White Jack ----- Mizen Shrouds.

Notes to be annexed hereto by - White Jack - Ensign staff  
To The respective Captains of Given on b. The Roebuck at  
the Pearl, Perseus, Camilla of Fortune New York the 7<sup>th</sup> Decr: 1776

J. S. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq: M: A:  
Captain of His Majesty's Ship

the Roebuck.

Seal'd Rendezvous is not to be  
opened, but in case of separation

In case of Separation by bad weather  
or any other unavoidable accident; you are hereby  
directed to join me off Cape Henlopen Light-house,  
as soon as possible.

To the Captain - Elphinston  
Hilkinson  
Linen  
Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck  
at New York the 7<sup>th</sup> Decr 1776

A. S. H. - d

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq: M: A:

You are hereby required and directed to  
proceed along the Coast to the Southward, with  
his Majesty's Ship under your command, and  
looking into Egg Harbour in your way, if the  
weather permits of it, join me off Cape Henlopen  
Lighthouse, as soon as possible.

Given ofc. at New York the  
7<sup>th</sup> Decr 1776

To the Hon'ble Captain Phillips  
of His Majesty's Ship  
the Camilla  
A. S. H. - d

On 16 Dec: 1776  
Roebuck in Delaware Bay the 16 Dec: 1776

As it is necessary in order for the more effectual  
blocking up the Port of Philadelphia, that His Majesty's  
Ships under my command should cruise at certain distances  
from each other, and as the bad weather which is to be  
expected at this season of the year may prevent our  
communication, or unforeseen accidents may render  
it impracticable to keep the station. I have therefore  
thought proper to issue a Second Rendezvous, which  
however is not to be used, but in the case above mentioned.

I am etc: D. S. Hammond

To Captain Linzee

of His Maj: Sloop of

the Falcon

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esquire

Captain of His Maj: Ship the Roebuck.

After the first of January next, In case by any  
accident His Maj: Sloop under your command should  
be separated from me, and not be in a condition to keep  
this station in order to restrain the King's Rebelling  
subjects in their endeavours to provide supplies of  
ammunition and other military stores, and for the purpose  
of preventing all Trade and intercourse with the Colonies  
as well as destroying their armed Vessels. You are hereby  
directed to proceed to the Island of Antigua, where you  
are to put yourself under the command of the Commander  
in chief, requesting his permission to clean and refit your  
Sloop in order for the joining Vice Admiral Lord Howe  
at New York as early in the next Spring as the season  
will admit.

Given under my hand on board His  
Maj: Ship the Roebuck in Delaware  
Bay the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1776

To Captain Linzee

of His Maj: Sloop the Falcon

The Second Rendezvous to be observed in case  
of separation from the Roebuck

D. S. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esqur  
ge<sup>o</sup> ge<sup>r</sup>

In case of separation in chase which is always  
to be avoided as much as possible, with permission  
first obtained, or upon extraordinary occasions, the  
Ships are to be made known on their return in sight  
of the Fleet by the following daily signals, in preference  
to the distinguishing signal delivered, when it can be  
done with equal convenience and effect vizt.

Sunday	{ White Jack	Main topm <sup>t</sup> head
	Pendant	Mizen Peck
Monday	{ White Jack	Mizentopm <sup>t</sup> head
	Pendant	Foretopmast head
Tuesday	{ English Jack	Foretopmast head
	Pendant	Mizentopmast head
Wednesday	{ Red Ensign	Main topmast head
	Pendant	Foretopmast head
Thursday	{ English Jack	Mizentopmast head
	Pendant	Mizen Peck
Friday	{ Red Ensign	Foretopmast head
	Pendant	Mizentopm <sup>t</sup> head
Saturday	{ English Jack	Main topmast head
	Pendant	Mizentopm <sup>t</sup> head

To  
The respective Captains  
of His Majesty's Ships the  
Bearn  
Perseus  
Camilla  
Falcon

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship the Bredaick at  
Sea the 11 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1776

A S Hamond

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esquire  
Captain of the Roebuck and Senior Officer  
of His Majesty's Ships employed in the Delaware

Having reason to believe the communication by the Delaware with the Town of Philadelphia from the State of the weather will soon be entirely prevented; It is therefore my intention to remain cruising off this River with the Squadron under my command in order to prevent supply's getting in, as well as to prevent their Armed Vessels now fitted out at Philadelphia from putting to Sea, untill the 10 instant, after which, I shall proceed Southward to the Island of Antigua: Should therefore any accident happen to separate us before that time, You are hereby directed to cruise with His Majesty's Ship under your command in the Frat of the Rebels coming from the West Indies, in such manner, and for so long a time as you shall judge necessary; taking care if possible to beat at English Harbour by the end of this Month in order that the Pearl may be hove down and refitted.

It is recommended that all possible caution is used to prevent the Rebels from being informed of this movement of His Majesty's Ships; and in case of making any captures, that they may in future be sent to the Island of Antigua.

Given under my hand on board His  
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck in Cap't Hn-  
ton Roads the 2 January 1777

This Order is not to be  
open'd but in case of se-  
paration.

To Captain Within the Town  
commander of His Majesty's Ship  
the Pearl of Toulon

A. S. Hamond

By Andrew Hope Hamond Esquire  
Captain of the Roebuck and Senior Officer of  
His Majesty's Ships employed in the River  
Delaware.

Having reason to believe the communication  
by the Delaware with the Town of Philadelphia, from the  
state of the weather, will soon be entirely prevented: It is  
therefore my intention to remain cruizing off this River  
with the Squadron under my command in order to  
prevent supplies getting, as well as to prevent their  
Armed Vessels now fitted out at Philadelphia from  
putting to Sea, untill the <sup>10</sup> instant, after which I shall  
proceed Southward to the Island of Antigua; Should  
therefore any accident happen to separate us before that  
time: You are hereby directed to take His Majesty's  
Ship the Camilla under your command (Captain)  
Phipps being instructed to follow your orders) and  
to cruize together off the Coasts of the Southern Colonies,  
particularly off the Bay of Charles Town to prevent  
supplies getting to the Rebels and for the purpose of  
intercepting their armed Vessels. You are to continue  
of this Service as long as your water will last, or for  
such time as you may be able to join me at Antigua  
by the middle of February next at the latest.

It is recommended that all possible caution is used  
to prevent the Rebels from being informed of this  
movement of His Majesty's Ships; And in case

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of making any captures that they may in future be sent to the  
Island of Antigua. Given under my hand on board His Majesty's  
Ship the Roeback in Capo Henlopen Roads the

2 January 1777.  
The Honorable Captain Elphinstone A. S. Hammond  
commander of His Majesty's Ship  
the Perseus.

N.B. A duplicate of this  
Order was deliv. to Capt<sup>r</sup>  
Wilkinson, on the 2<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 77.

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq<sup>r</sup>

ge<sup>r</sup> ofc<sup>r</sup>.

Whereas Captain Elphinstone, commander of His  
Majesty's Ship the Perseus is intended to be employed upon  
a particular service, in which the Ship under your  
command is thought necessary to be joined: You are  
therefore to follow his orders for your further proceedings,  
until you join me at the Island of Antigua.

Given under my hand on board His  
Majesty's Ship the Roeback in Capo  
Henlopen Roads the 2<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1777

The Honble Captain Phipps,  
of His Majesty's Ship  
the Amilla

A. S. Hammond

N.B. The absence of His Majesty's Ships in  
the Delaware is intended to be kept as secret as possible.

A. S. H.

By ~~the~~ Captain Hammond commander  
of His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck etc?

Whereas W. W. Augustus Miles the Purser of His  
Majesty's Ship the Persus has represented to me by His  
Letter of this day's date, that he is not capable any  
longer to serve in that employ, and voluntarily  
praying to quit His Majesty's Service, and that  
another may be appointed in his Room.

I do therefore hereby authorize and direct  
you to take upon you the employ of Purser of  
His Majesty's Ship the Persus for the time being,  
untill further Orders in the Room of W. William  
Augustus Miles who is not capable to serve in that  
Capacity any longer: Strictly charging and  
commanding you to observe and execute as well  
the General printed Instructions, as the orders and  
directions you shall from time to time receive from  
the Captain of the said Ship, or any other your  
Superior Officer for His Majesty's Service, together  
with such an allowance of Wages and Victuals  
for your self and Servant, as is usual for the  
Purser of the said Ship.

Given under my hand onboard  
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck  
the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1777

S. W. Noel Swiny  
hereby appointed to act  
as Purser for the time being

of His Majesty's Ship the

Qdum. A. J. Hammond  
Mem. Roebuck 8<sup>th</sup> March 1777

Gave W. John Dawson an order  
to act as Purser of the latter in the Room  
of W. Swiny and the Purser

By Captain Ward

By Captain Hammond commander  
of His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck &c?

Whereas M<sup>r</sup> William Augustus Miles Purser of His Majestys Ship  
the *Persicus* has represented to me by letter of this days Date, that he  
is not capable any longer to live in that employ and voluntarily  
praying to His Majestys Service, and that another may be  
appointed in his room.

And Having appointed Mr. Noel Swire the Purser of  
the Otter in consequence thereof in his Room.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to repair  
on b<sup>d</sup> H. M. Ship the Perseus and there take a strict and  
careful Survey of the Rem<sup>r</sup> of Provisions, Casks, Iron Houghs, Bars  
Navy Strops and Necks<sup>r</sup> Lodged in the custody of the said W<sup>r</sup> Miles  
Parrot, and transfer them into the charge of W<sup>r</sup> Noel Irving appointed  
to be the Master of the said Ship.

S. Collet in that capacity for the time being, report him upon my handing  
to The Queen of His  
Majestys Ships the Pearl, Camilla  
Alion, or any three of them,  
Given under my hand on  
the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1777.

Given under my hand on  
b<sup>d</sup> His Maj<sup>t</sup> Ship the Rockur  
the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1777.

By Captain Hammond & Co.

You are hereby required and directed to  
discharge from the Supernumerary list of His Majesty's  
Ship under your command into His Majesty's  
Ship the Pearl, the eighteen Men named in the  
Margin, taking care to comply with the late Act  
of Parliament. Given under my hand on the 6<sup>th</sup>

His Majesty's Ship the *Roebuck*

His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck  
in English Harbour. the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1777  
To the Honble Capt<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Phipps  
of His Maj<sup>t</sup> ship the Berseru  
A J Hammond

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By Captain Hammond commander  
of His Majesty's Ship the Roe buck &c.

In consequence of Orders from Vice Admiral  
the Lord Viscount Howe: you are hereby required and  
directed to put yourself under my command and follow  
all such Orders and directions as you may from time  
to time receive from me for His Majesty's Service.

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship the Roe buck  
at English Harbour in Antigua  
the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1777

A. S. Hammond

To the respective Captains of His  
Majesty's Ships the Pearl — Hon. Capt. Elphinstone  
Persens — Phipps  
Camilla Captain — Linzee  
Falcon Hon. (Thomas) Cap<sup>n</sup> Windsor

N.B. The above Captains have rec'd the Distinguishing Signals;  
and the Falcon the Private Signals, and Daily Signals together  
with my Lord Howe's: And all other Signals will be made from my  
Lord Howe's Signal Book.

By Captain Hammond commander of  
His Majestys Ship the Roebuck &c.

His Majestys Ship under your command being  
completed in her refitting, you are hereby directed to  
proceed forthwith to Old Road in the Island of Saint  
Christophers in order to complete the Ships water, from  
whence, if you should not be joined by the Roebuck  
within Twenty four Hours, after having finished  
watering, you are to proceed to sea and follow the  
directions contained in the enclosed sealed Orders.

Given under my hand on board His  
Majestys Ship the Roebuck in English  
Harbour Antigua the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1777

To  
The Honorable Captain Elphinstone  
Commander of His Majestys Ship  
the Pearl.

By Captain Hammond

You are hereby required and directed, in case you  
shall not have been joined in Old Road by His  
Majestys Ship under my command within 24  
Hours after you have completed the Ships water  
to proceed with all possible dispatch with His  
Majestys Ship under your command to the mouth  
of the River Delaware, and join me off of Cape  
Henlopen Light-House.

You are to use your best endeavours to  
take or destroy any vessels that you may meet  
with in your way belonging to or trading  
with

with His Majesty's Colonies now in Rebellion,  
but by no means to chance anything out of  
the way unless you have reason to think  
it may be an armed vessel belonging to the  
Rebels.

If you should have an opportunity  
before you join me, of writing to Commodore  
Hotham who is at Virginia, you are to  
acquaint him of your arrival at the rendezvous  
and that the Rockbuck with the other ships under  
my orders are sailed from hence for the same  
station. Given under my hand on board  
his Majesty's Ship the Rockbuck  
in English Harb<sup>r</sup>. Antigua the

15<sup>th</sup> March 1777

J H St Hammond

To  
John Cap<sup>r</sup> Hesketh  
commander of His Majesty's Ship

The Pearl (NB. The above <sup>sealed</sup> orders are not to be broken  
open.)

By Captain Hammond of the

You are hereby directed to use all possible  
dispatch in getting His Majesty's Ship under your  
command ready for the sea, when you are to proceed  
without any moments loss of time to join me in Old  
Road Saint Christopher's

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck in  
English Harbour Antigua the

16<sup>th</sup> March 1777

A S Hammond

To the respective Captains

Phipps

of  
Singe

By Capt<sup>r</sup> Hammond of the

His Majesty's Sloop under your command being  
Ordered to be hove down and refitted, to be stored for twelve  
months and her provisions completed to four months of all  
species, You are hereby directed to use all possible diligence  
and dispatch in executing that business, when you are  
to proceed to sea through the passage of the Dog and  
Prickley Pear (stoping in your way at Old Road in the  
Island of Saint Christopher's to fill your ship's water) and  
being 3 Leagues off of the land to open the enclosed sealed  
Orders, and follow their directions for your further proceeding

Previous to your sailing, you are to apply to Vice  
Admiral Young for his permission for you to take on  
board any people that may be recovered at the Hospital  
as well as any Seamen that may have been sent

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to Antigua in Riggs; belonging to any of His Majesty's  
Ships Scoring in North America, which together with  
any Men you may be able to raise for His Majesty's  
Service above the Sloops complement (which you are  
to take every means in your power to do) and you  
are to bear them on a supernumerary list for Victualls  
and Wages till further order.

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship the Rosebank in  
English Harbour the 1st March 1777

The Honble Captain Windsor  
commander of His Majt. Sloop

A. Hammond

the Falcon

By ~~and~~ Captain Hammond D.C. of R.

You are hereby directed to proceed with the  
utmost dispatch to the Mouth of the River Delaware  
in order to join me, or the Senior officer of His Majt.  
Ships that may be cruizing on that station.

You are to use your best endeavours to take or destroy  
any vessels that you may meet with on your  
way, belonging to, or, trading with any of His  
Majt's Colonies in North America, now in  
Rebellion, but by no means to chase any thing out  
of the way, unless it should appear to be an Armed  
vessel, which you are to use your best endeavours to  
destroy.

Given under my hand on board His  
Majt's Ship the Rosebank in English  
Harb<sup>r</sup> Antigua the 1st March 1777.

To the Captains of His  
Majt's Ships the  
Ceres, Camilla.

A. Hammond

J. Fred

Sealed Orders and Rendezvous's for the Perseus &  
to be opened in case of not joining the Roebuck at Saint  
Christophers. Camilla

The Same for the Falcon, not to be opened before she  
leaves the Island of Christophers.

Mem<sup>dum</sup>

Roebuck the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1777

Delivered Captain Windsor of the Falcon an  
Order to cause his Carpenter to Supply the Camilla  
with Five Tons of Iron Ballast.

Mem<sup>dum</sup>

Roebuck the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1777

Gave an Order to Captain Phipps of the  
Perseus to discharge from her, into the Roebuck four  
Supernumerary

Mem<sup>dum</sup>

Roebuck at Saint Christophers

the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1777

Gave order to W. Richard Whitworth to  
take command as Captain of the Stanley  
Under — W. Douglas, Lieut.

" Thomas Slates Master

Mem<sup>dum</sup>

Geo. Cooper - Gunner

Gave an order to W. Niet to act as Lieutenant

By Captain Hammond Esq: &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed  
forthwith in His Majestys Ship under your command  
off of ~~at~~ Morris River, and place Her as close as you  
possibly can with safety to the Ship, to the Entrance, for  
the purpose of preventing the Enemies Vessels that are in the  
River coming out, as well as the preventing by that  
situation any vessels going up or down the Cape  
May Channel -

Given on board the Roebuck in the  
Delaware the 25<sup>th</sup> May 1777

S: J: G:  
Lieutenant John Graves  
commanding His Majestys Ship the  
Camilla

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq: &c  
Captain of His Majestys Ship the  
Roebuck.

You are hereby required and directed to Station  
His Majestys Ship under your command in the Main  
Channel between the Narrows and the Brandy Wine,  
so as best to intercept any of the Enemies Ships or Vessels  
that may attempt to pass that way; You are to move  
the Ship up and down occasionally and to have  
a particular attention to that part where the Cape  
May passage falls into the Main Channel.

Given on board His Majestys Ship the  
Roebuck in the Delaware the 25<sup>th</sup> May 1777

S: J: H:  
The Honble Captain Phipps  
of His Maj: Ship the  
Pandora

A. S. H.

Roeback in the Delaware the 3 June 1777

Mem:

Tomorrow being the Anniversary of His Majesty's birth day, each Ship is to fire a Salute of 21 Guns, beginning when the Roeback shall have fired her second Gun, (so if it should not be perceived) at the usual time of one o'clock

To the Hon'ble Captain Phipps  
of His Majesty's Ship the Bear  
and Lieut. John Graves  
command'g the Camilla

A. J. H.

By And: "Shape Hammond Equine &c:

You are hereby required and directed to cause the company of His Majesty's Ship under your command to be put at whole allowance of all Species of Provisions and continue the same until further order

To  
The Honorable Captain Phipps  
of His Majesty's Ship the  
Bear

Given on board His Majesty's Ship  
the Roeback in the Delaware the 3 June 77

A. J. H.

By And: "Shape Hammond Equine &c:

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Purse of His Majesty's Ship under your command to complete her Provisions of all Species to Six Weeks from His Majesty's Ship the Roeback, giving proper Receipts for the same.

To  
Lieutenant John Graves  
commanding His Majesty's Ship  
the Camilla

Given on board the Roeback in the  
Delaware the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1777

A. J. H.

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq: 1777

Nowithstanding your Order of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant for causing the company of His Majesty's Ship under your command to be put at whole allowance of all species of Provisions, it appears in the State and Condition of the Ship of this date, that the Bread runs very Short of the other Species, an Article (from its Scarcity in the Squadron) which cannot be remedied; You are hereby required and directed to cause the company of the Pearl to be put to Two Thirds allowance of Bread only, and continue the same until further orders.

To  
The Honble Captain Phipps  
of His Maj: Ship the  
Pearl

Given on board His Majesty's Ship the  
Roebuck in the Delaware the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1777

A. S. H.

By Captain Andrew Snape Hamond Esq:

An attack being intended upon the Rebels Vessels now in Maurice River by the Boats of the Squadron this night at 12 o'clock, You are with the Tender under your command to hold yourself in readiness to proceed in the evening towards that River to assist the Boats in their operations against the said Vessels, and obey any orders you may receive from Captain Phipps who commands the expedition.

As it is understood from the difficulty of the Navigation into the River, that it cannot with Safety be entered in the night, you are to take care to be as near the entrance as is thought prudent by day break in the Morning so as to go into the River on the rising Tide which at that time will serve. Given on b<sup>th</sup> the Roebuck in

Delaware Bay the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1777

To M<sup>r</sup> Hele — Com<sup>r</sup> the Hotham —  
Whitworth — Stanly  
Brewer — Ballahoo } Tender  
Rogers — G: Washington

A. S. H.

*On Watch Night for the Night is Cape May  
Brewer — Ballahoo*

By Captain Andrew Rose <sup>Commander</sup> 1777

You are hereby directed to take under your Convoy the  
Several Prizes now in the Delaware and proceed with them to New  
York, where you are to deliver the enclosed Letter to the Right Honourable  
the Lord Viscount Howe, and wait His Lordships Orders for your  
further Proceedings.

You are to receive on board the Sloop under your  
command the Prisoners named in the list sent with them and  
dispose of them at New York as the Commander in chief shall  
direct.

And whereas I have received intelligence that several  
of the enemies Vessels are lately arrived at Egg Harbour, You  
are therefore in your way to endeavour to look into that place,  
and if it shall appear to you to be practicable to cut them out  
or destroy them, You are to take the Hotham and Stanley Tenders  
under your command (who are directed to accompany you  
thither for that purpose) and use your best endeavours against  
the enemies Vessels: which Service being performed, You are  
then to give Orders to the Hotham Tender to join the <sup>Restonat</sup>  
New York, and send the Roebucks Tender back to me with  
an account of your proceedings; making the best of your way  
afterwards with the Sloop under your command to join the  
Admiral without further loss of time.

Given on board His Majestys Ship the  
Roebuck in the Delaware the 10 June 1777

A. H. - d

Lieutenant John Knight  
Commander of the Armed Sloop  
the *Leahem*

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By Captain And: M:ape Hamond &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put  
yourself under my command and follow all such  
Orders and directions as you shall from time to time  
receive from me for His Maj:ts Service, until further  
Order —

Given on board His Maj:ts Ship  
the Roebuck in the Delaware the 12<sup>th</sup>

June 1777.

To  
The Honble Captain Phipps  
of the Camilla

Adm: C

Captain Linzee of the

Pearl By Captain And: M:ape Hamond  
&c &c

Lieut: John Graves commanding His Maj:ts  
Ship the Camilla having signified to me by letter of this  
date, that there is a quantity of Flour onboard the said Ship  
which is musty and full of Weevils, and not fit for Men  
to eat, requesting an order that the same may be removed.

You are therefore hereby required and directed  
to repair on board His Maj:ts Ship the Camilla, and there  
take a strict and careful Survey of the Flours complained of,  
and if you find it as represented, you are to see it delivered  
into the charge of the Purser to be returned into His Maj:ts  
Store, reporting to me from under your hands in the most  
impartial manner your proceedings therein.

To  
The Master of H: M: S.  
The Roebuck, and Master of the  
Pearl &  
Camilla

Given on the Roebuck in  
the Delaware the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1777

Adm: C

By Captain Andrew Snape Hamond &c.

You are hereby required and directed to command  
the company of His Majesty's Ship under your command  
to be put at whole allowance of all Species of Provisions  
and continue the same until further order.

Given on board his Majesty's Ship  
the Roebuck in the Delaware the  
13 June 1777

A. S. H.

To  
The Captain Phipps  
of His Majesty's Ship  
the Camilla

By Captain Andrew Snape Hamond &c.

Captain Reeve commander of His Majesty's Sloop  
the Merlin having represented to me by Letter of this date,  
that there are a quantity of Bread and Butter on board in  
a decayed State, not fit for Men to eat, and is also a  
Mutineer in the Sloop; requesting an order to Survey the  
same: You are hereby required and directed to repair on  
board His Majesty's Sloop the Merlin and there take a strict and  
careful Survey of the Bread and Butter complained of and if  
you find them as represented, you are to see the Bread thrown  
overboard into the Sea, and the Butter <sup>delivered</sup> into the charge  
of her Purser to be returned into His Maj: Store, in case the  
Boatswain should not want it for the Sloop use, Reporting to  
me from under your hands in the most impartial manner  
your proceedings therein when and where the <sup>2</sup> and to what  
cause you judge the defects. Given on 6<sup>th</sup> His Majesty's

To  
The Master of His Maj: Ships  
the Roebuck  
P. S. the  
Camilla

Ship the Roebuck in the Delaware the  
29<sup>th</sup> June 1777

Roebuck in the Delaware the 24 June 1777

Mem: <sup>our</sup>

Gave an order to Survey Bread and Butter in

the Roebuck —

Masters of the

Pearl, Camilla & Merlin —

Gave an order to Survey Flour and Butter in

the Pearl —

Masters of the

Roebuck, Camilla & Merlin.

Gave an order to Survey a Puncheon of Rum

Partly Leaked out in the BETSY VITUALING Transport —

Masters of the Roebuck,

Pearl and Camilla

Gave an order to Survey Bread in the Camilla

Masters of the Roebuck,

Pearl and Merlin } —

By Captain Andrew M'p' Hammond  
scd:

You are hereby directed to take the  
BETSY VITUALING Transport under your Convoy and  
proceed with all convenient despatch to New York,  
waiting the orders of the commander in chief for  
your further proceedings.

Given onboard His Majesty's Ship  
the Roebuck in the Delaware the  
25<sup>th</sup> June 1777

L. P.  
Lieutenant Wallbeck

Commanding His Majesty's  
Armed Sloop the  
Yorke

A. J. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hamond Capt. &c

You are hereby required and directed to cause to be received on board his Majesty's Ship under your command from the BETSY VERTUEALIS to transport the proportion of Provisions following vizt

Bread	4908 pounds
Rum	569 Gallons
Beef	718 Pcs
Pork	1668 Pcs
Flour	1323
Lard	300 pounds
Raisins	100
Pearl	32 Gallons
Oatmeal	32
Butter	583 pounds
Oil	56 Gall. in Two Jars
Vinegar	133 Gallons
Candles	5 Boxes

taking care that proper Receipts are given for the same.

To  
The Honble Captain Phipps  
of His Majesty's Ship  
the Camilla  
Given on board His Majesty's Ship the Rockbank  
in the Delaware the 25. June 1777.

By Captain Andrew Snape Hamond &c

You are hereby required and directed to receive from His Majesty's Ships in this Bay, on board the Armed  
Sloop under your command, the number of Recruits and  
Prisoners that shall be sent on board, and dispose of them  
on your Arrival at New York, as the commander in chief  
there shall direct.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship  
the Rockbank in the Delaware the 26 June  
1777.

To Lieut. Wallbeck  
commanding His M: Armed Sloop  
the York

A. Hamond

Mem - <sup>Dear</sup>

Roebuck in Delaware Bay 15 June 1777

In consequence of Captain Sinzer of the Pearl, represent<sup>P</sup>.  
that the Outer best and small Bower cables were unfit for  
their proper uses, gave an order to Survey the same  
The Master & Boatswain  
of the Roebuck and Mast of the Merlin

Mem

Roebuck 15 July 1777

Issued an ord<sup>t</sup> to Captain Sinzer to Supply the  
Merlin with 1000 w. Junk -

Roebuck 18 July 1777

Mem: Issued an ord<sup>t</sup> to the Master and Boatswain of the  
Pearl and Mast<sup>t</sup> of the Merlin to Survey one outer best B<sup>t</sup> Cable  
on board and one Mantopmat Stays<sup>t</sup> on the Roebuck -

Roebuck 23 July 1777

Mem: Issued an order to Captain Sinzer of the Pearl  
to cause his Boatswain to Supply the Roebuck, with one  
Bower anchor -

By Andrew Brapen Hamond Esq<sup>r</sup>  
H<sup>t</sup>

You are hereby required and directed to put  
yourself under my command and follow all such  
Orders and directions as you shall from time to time  
receive from me for His Majestys Service.

Given on board His Majestys Ship  
the Roebuck in Delaware Bay the  
30 July 1777.

A J H

Captain Bellin  
of His Majestys Ship

The Liverpool

By Captain Andrew Snape Hamond  
commander of His Majestys Ship Rockbuck

In consequence of Orders from the commander in  
chief you are hereby directed to proceed with His Majestys  
Ship under your command to New York, where you are to  
deliver the enclosed dispatches to Commodore Holton, and  
follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given on board His Majestys Ship  
the Rockbuck in Delaware Bay the

30 July 1777

A. S. H.

*Esq*  
Captain Tyringham Howe  
Commander of His Majestys Ship  
the Thames.

By Captain Andrew Snape Hamond  
commander of His Majestys Ship Rockbuck

Notwithstanding any former Orders, you are  
hereby required and directed (on account of the Rockbuck's  
having run aground) to take the Two Transports named  
in the Margin under your Convoy and proceed with  
them as far as the Capes of Virginia, where you are  
to deliver the enclosed letter to the senior Captain of  
His Majestys Ships and follow his directions for your  
further proceedings.

Given onboard His Majestys Ship  
the Rockbuck near Pauls Island

Chesapeake Bay the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: 1777

*To Captain Holton  
Commander of His Majestys Ship*

*the Serpent*

Dear  
Morn.

Roebuck off the River Patowmack  
Chesapeake Bay 5<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1777

Gave an order to Survey defective Roads  
Complained of.

By Capt. Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.

The importance of the Service now carrying on in the River Delaware making it necessary to increase the Naval force placed here by the Commander in Chief; as well to be able to repel any attempts that may be made by the Enemy, as to give assistance to the Army now carrying on their operations against the Rebels in this vicinity; You are hereby required and directed (notwithstanding any former Orders) to put yourself under my Command, and follow all such directions as you may receive from me for His Majesty's Service, untill further Orders.

To  
Captain Symonds  
Commander of H.M.S.  
Solebay.

Given onboard H.M.S Roebuck in  
the River Delaware 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777

A. S. Hammond.

List of Paroles correspondent to the  
different Signal Pendants placed in  
the same Line for the Times undermen-  
tioned.

Paroles.				Pendant.	Flag-Staff
From the 11 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept. inclusive.	From 18 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept. inclusive.	From 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept. to 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct. inclusive.	From 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct. to 8 <sup>th</sup> inclusive.		
Maidstone	Newark	Pembroke	Rochester	Red.	
Plymouth	Chester	Bath.	Howard	White.	Main
Bideford	Marlborough	Chichester	London	Blue	topmast head
Dartmouth	Sheffield	Winchester	Exeter.	Yellow.	
Sussex	Canterbury	Harrow	York.	English	
Portsmouth	Hampstead	Blandford	Greenwich	Red.	Gore
Hastings	Deptford.	Dover.	Middlesex	White.	topmast head
Colchester	Fulham	Ipswich.	Windsor	Blue.	

Mem.

The determination and answer to these Paroles, as well as all other Signals respecting Guard Boats, are to be understood to be the same in every respect as those established by the Commander in chief off of Staten Island in 1776. And should there at any time appear to be occasion to make any addition to them, the Captains of the respective Ships will have proper notice given them thereof.

To

Capt. Bellin - Liverpool.

Honble C. Phipps Camilla.

Capt. Symonds - Solebay.

Lingee - Pearl.

Reeve - Merlin.

Given onboard H.M.S. Roebuck in the Delaware  
the 10<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup>. 1777 -

A. S. Hammond.

Order of Sailing and Anchoring.

Roebucks.

Camilla.

Liverpool

Transports.

Solebay.

Pearl.

Merlin.

But it is intended frequently to vary the mode of Anchoring in order to prevent the Enemy from becoming acquainted with the positions of the Ships. Whenever I would have the Squadron come to anchor in a line of Battle at 2 cables length distant, I will hoist with the Signals for Anchoring and forming the Line, the Quarter Flag at the same time to express the bearing each Ship shall have from the other. If at three cables length distant a Pendant will be hoisted over the Anchoring Signal, but if at one cables length only, the Pendant will be put under the Signal Flag. In either of these cases the Merlin is to take her Station on the side of the Line nearest to the Enemy, and the Transports on the opposite side of the Roebucks.

Given onboard His Majesty's Ship the  
Roebuck the 11<sup>th</sup> Septem. 1777 —

To  
Capt. Bellin — Liverpool.

Symonds — Solebay  
Honble C. Phipps Camilla  
Capt. J. Linzee — Pearl.

Merlin.

A. S. Hammond.

Order of Battle  
for a Detachment of His Majesty's Ships as under-  
mentioned. —

The Liverpool is to lead on the Starboard Tack.

The Camilla is to lead on the Larboard Tack.

Small Brigates or Armed Vessels,	N <sup>o</sup> of Guns.	N <sup>o</sup> of Men	Ship's Name,	Commanders.
	28	200	Liverpool	Capt. Henry Bellew.
	32.	220	Pearl	John Linzee.
	44	280	Roebuck.	Adm <sup>o</sup> . George Hammond.
Merlin	18	125		Samuel Reeve.
	28	200	Solebay	Thomas Symonds.
	20	160.	Camilla	Hon <sup>ble</sup> . C. Phipps.

N.B.

The Merlin is to keep to windward of the Squadron, to act as a Reserve, either to assist any of the Ships of the Line that may be attacked by Fire Ships, to fall upon the Enemy wherever it can be done to advantage. But in case the Squadron should come to action with the Enemy in shallow-water she is then to keep a head on either Tack to give timely Notice to the Ships if they should be in danger of running a ground.

Order of Retreat

Merlin.

Pearl.

Transports

Solebay

Roebuck.

Camilla

To  
Capt. Bellew — Liverpool.

Symonds — Solebay.

Honble C. Phipps — Camilla.

Capt. J. Linzee — Pearl.

J. Reeve — Merlin.

Given on board the Roebuck, 1<sup>o</sup> 12 Sept-  
1777 —

A. J. Hammond

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General directions for the Night Guard  
intended to be established; which will occa-  
-sionally be altered as Circumstances may  
require.

- 1/ A Lieutenant from one of the Ships will have  
the charge of directions of all the out Guard Boats  
to be employed during the ensuing Night, whose  
Signal will be made the preceding Afternoon from  
the Roebuck.
- 2/ One out Guard boat suitably provided with Fire  
Arms, Cutlasses, half-Pikes, Powder Flasks or Grenades,  
and Fire Grapnels, to be commanded by a trusty Mate  
or Midshipman, and one inferior Petty Officer, is to  
be sent every evening by Sun-set onboard the Ship most  
advanced towards the Enemy, where they will have  
orders given them, and receive the Watch word from  
the Lieutenant of the Guard.
- 3/ A Long-Boat from each Ship provided as above,  
together with a small Anchor and Hawser is always  
to be kept in readiness alongside of the Ship, unless  
ordered on the out Guard duty, and another occasional  
Guard Boat, equipped as before mentioned is to be  
kept either alongside of the Ship, or hooked in the  
Yard Tackles, to be in readiness to proceed to the  
assistance of the out Guard boat, whenever the Signal  
shall be made for that purpose, at a moments  
warning.
- 4/ Each Officer commanding a Guard Boat is to have  
such part of the Signals given to him, as may be  
necessary for his own conduct.
- 5/ Should the Enemy make any attempts upon  
the Squadron during the Night, each Ship is to  
make

make herself known, ~~as was the custom~~ by hoisting the distinguishing Lights, ordered to be worn on that occasion.

Given on board the Roebuck the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>  
1777 in the river Delaware.

To  
Captain Bellew — Liverpool.  
Symonds — Solebay.

A. Hammond.

Honble Charles Phipps — Camilla.  
Captain Linzee — Pearl.  
Peeve — Merlin.

By Captain Andrew Snape Hammond Esq

It having been judged expedient that M<sup>r</sup>  
John M<sup>r</sup> Hinley a Rebel Prisoner now at Wilmington,  
should be removed from thence to one of His Majesty's  
Ships for the more certain Security of his Person;  
You are therefore hereby required and directed to  
receive him onboard the Ship you command; where  
he is to be accommodated with an Officers birth, allowed  
the liberty of being upon deck (at proper times) during  
the day time, under the charge of a Sentinel; and in  
all respects treated with Civility: but is to be strictly  
forbid and prevented from having any intercourse  
with any Person from the Shore except in the presence  
of an Officer, and kept as much as possible from  
conversing with the Ships Company.

Given onboard the Roebuck off of Wilmington  
- on 20<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1777 —

To  
Capt. Tho<sup>r</sup> Symonds  
Solebay.

A. Hammond

By Captain Andrew Snape Hammond  
K.C.

Whereas the Liverpool has received damage by grounding on the sunken frames off Billingsport in attempting the Removal of them, and the Admiral has thought proper to direct her to be hove down for repairing that Injury. You are therefore hereby required to proceed on that business with all the Expedition the state of the Weather will admit; and such assistance of Shipwrights, or other Artificers will be given by M<sup>r</sup> Thompson, Ship builder at Philadelphia, as you may judge to be absolutely necessary for the occasion.

Capt. H. Bellin  
— Liverpool.

Given onboard the Roebuck at  
Philadelphia <sup>the</sup> 7. Decem<sup>r</sup> 1777.

A. Hammond.

By Captain Andrew Snape Hammond K.C.

Whereas the Lord Viscount Howe Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America, has appointed the Pearl to be one of the Ships intended to remain in this River for the Protection of the Town of Philadelphia, and to keep an open communication therewith. You are therefore hereby required and directed as soon as the Transports intended for Philadelphia shall have left Billingsport, to take the first opportunity of passing the upper Schuylkill to the Anchorage off Mud Island, where you are to give all possible assistance to Lieutenant Barker employed in raising the Ship Indiana, a Navy Victualler; and if it should appear that there is but little prospect of succeeding, so

as to bring the Ship to Town, immediate attention is to be given to get as much of the cargo out as possible, before the Ice forms in the River; and for this purpose the Ship may be destroyed if the cargo cannot otherwise be taken out.

Given onboard the Roebuck at Philadelphia the 7<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1777

A. J. Hammond

Capt. Linzee  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Pearl. —

By Capt. Andrew Snape Hammond Esq —

Whereas His Majestys Ship the Camilla under your command is one of the Ships appropriated for the Protection of the Town of Philadelphia, and guard of the Transports from the insults of the Enemy during the ensuing Winter; You are therefore hereby required to place the Camilla in the situation best adapted for that purpose untill the state of the weather makes it necessary to take shelter at the Wharfs from the effects to be apprehended from the Ice, at which time a proper situation will be assigned for that purpose.

The Honble Chas. Phipps  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Camilla.

Given the 7<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1777

A. J. Hammond

Capt. Henry  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Vigilant

Watt. —  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Delaware

Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Brown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Cornwallis Galley.

By Captain Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.

The Horse-Shoe Land being a Shoal Vessel often ground upon, and Newtown Creek, as well as Timber Creek being places of refuge for Boats. You are hereby directed to Station the Schooner under your Command, near Gloucester point; in order to give assistance to Vessels going up and down that may require it and protecting them from insults from the Boats from the Rebel Shore.

You are to remain on this Service until the Transports have all passed, or until the State of the Weather may render it necessary to Shelter the Schooner at a Wharf in the Town to avoid the effects of the Ice.

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Edward Pakenham

— Viper Schooner.

Given the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1777

Aff Hammond

By Her Honor.

The present appointment of the Experiment being to prevent the Rebels from obstructing the passage of the Chevaux de Frize, or Sunk frames, at Killingsport, it is necessary that you continue on that Service as long as from the state of the Weather you may judge to be practicable, or until the Ships allowed to sail from this Port till the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant shall have passed by. You are then hereby required to proceed down towards the Capes of the Delaware, to prevent the Rebels from getting Supplies into any of the lower parts of the River, and to prevent Ships and Vessels from attempting to come up to the Town whilst you judge the Navigation to be impracticable.

When the Season of the Year shall be still more advanced, and it appears to you necessary for the

the safety of the Ship to quit the Delaware entirely; You are then to cruise off of Egg-Harbour, and along the Point to the Southward at such distances from the Shore as circumstances and the Weather will allow of; or as you may judge most proper for the purpose of intercepting any of the Enemys Armed Vessels, or the Trade (which from Information) the Rebels intend and expect to carry on during the Winter Months, in the different Inlets, between Chesapeake Bay, and the Delaware.

And whereas Intelligence has been received that a Dutch Ship is now loading at S<sup>t</sup>. Eustatius, which is intended for little Egg-Harbour, and is expected to arrive there about the 10.<sup>th</sup> January, the Cruising off that Port, when the Weather allows you no longer to remain with Safety in the Delaware, is, therefore, to be the first Object of your attention.

As soon as the Season of the Year will admit of your laying with safety within the Bays of the Delaware, which will be towards the latter end of February, the River being by that time always clear of the Ice, it is material that you use your best endeavors to attain the Anchorage between the Brown and Brandy Wine Lands, giving me the earliest account possible of your arrival, and wait there until you are released by one of the Frigates from hence, or until you shall receive further Orders.

In case you should meet with any Ships at Sea, that have Dispatches for the Admiral, or have Orders to join the Fleet in America, you are to acquaint them His Lordships Rendezvous is Rhode Island, until about the middle of March; after that time in the River Delaware.

The several Chevaux de Frise Pilots ordered to the Experiment are to be put onboard any of His Majestys Ships that you may meet with bound hither in the Spring of the Year, but no Merchant Ship unless sufficiently

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sufficiently Armed & to be permitted to come up the River  
until you shall have ascertained that the Chevau de Grize of the  
Chevau de Grize has not been further obstructed by the  
Enemy during the absence of the Men of War.

The Admiral judging it necessary to cause an  
alteration to be made in the Monthly Change of Signals  
established for the purpose of the Ships under his  
Lordship's command to know each at meeting, you will  
please to take notice that those Signals intended for  
the months of March and September are now to be  
used instead of those for January and July as is expressed  
below, and that the alteration is to take place the  
1<sup>st</sup> of January next.

Given her.

A. Hammond.

Sir James Wallace

Experiment.

By & Ja. Sca

The Rebecca Ordnance Transport,  
Joseph Furnace Master, having struck on the  
Chevau de Grize sunk by the Enemy to obstruct  
the Navigation of the River, and being thereby filled  
with Water, it becomes necessary that what Stores  
can be taken out of her should be removed. You  
are therefore hereby authorised and required to take  
a strict and careful Survey of such Stores as may be  
saved out of the Rebecca Ordnance Transport, and  
deliver the same into the Charge of M<sup>r</sup> Christopher  
Farlam, Gunner of His Majesty's Ship Roebuck; for  
which Stores He is to give to the Master of the said  
Transport proper Receipt, reporting to me from under  
the respective Gunners own Hands the particulars thereof, and an impartial  
Account of your proceedings therew<sup>r</sup>th<sup>r</sup> a  
or any three of them. Given the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 777  
A. Hammond.

By D<sup>r</sup> G<sup>r</sup>en

Whereas you have represented to me  
that the Crew of His Majesty's Armed Ship, under  
your command, suffer very much by the Weather  
at this inclement Season for want of suitable Clothing  
and there not being a sufficient Assortment of Navy  
Slops in the Squadron to answer their necessary  
demands. You are ~~therefore~~ hereby authorised and  
required to cause the Purser of His Majesty's Armed  
Ship under your command to Purchase such  
Slops as may be requisite for the Use of the Ships  
Company, taking care the same is done at as easy  
a Rate as possible, and that they are good and fit  
for the purpose. The Purser will be also to procure  
proper Vouchers for the Slops he may so purchase,  
and the Prices paid by him for the different Articles,  
are to be charged against the Men receiving any  
thereof upon the Ships Books in a distinct Column  
under the head of purchased Slops.

To  
Lieut. James Watt  
Commanding H.M. Armed Ship  
Delaware.

Given her the 9<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1777 —

A<sup>d</sup>l<sup>r</sup> Hamond.

By D<sup>r</sup> G<sup>r</sup>en.

The very Sickly state of the Squadron of  
His Majesty's Ships under my command, rendering it  
absolutely necessary to establish a place for Sick  
Quarters on Shore for the more speedy Recovery of  
the Sick; And whereas I have thought fit to  
nominate You to officiate as Principal Surgeon

to take care of, and attend such Sick & Hurt Seamen and others as shall be from time to time sent Sick on Shore from His Majesty's Ships & Vessels at Philadelphia. You will hereby be authorized and required to take upon you the Office of Principal Surgeon to take care of, and attend the Sick and Hurt Seamen, Marines and Others sent from His Majesty's Ships at Philadelphia, and to continue in the Exercise of the several Duties appertaining to that Office accordingly untill further Order, with an allowance of ten Shillings Sterling  $\text{per}^{\text{d}} \text{diem}$  for your Care and trouble in executing the Duty of said Office, and five Shillings Sterling  $\text{per}^{\text{d}} \text{diem}$  for an Assistant. And you are in consequence, to take upon you the Care of all such Sick and Hurt Seamen, Marines, and Others as shall be sent Sick on Shore, taking care that your proceeding in discharging the Duty of the said Office are conformable to the usual Custom of the Navy, for which this shall be your Warrant.

To  
M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark

hereby appointed to officiate as  
Principal Surgeon to take care of, and  
attend the Sick and Hurt Seamen  
Marines & Others sent from His Maj:  
Ships & Vessels to Sick Quarters at  
Philadelphia.

Given the 11 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1777.

A. Hammond

By Gen. Ofc

The very Sickly state of the Ships & Vessels  
here under my Orders rendering it expedient to  
have an Hospital on Shore; and it being necessary  
in consequence to appoint a Person to provide the  
said Hospital with all kind of Stores and Provisions,  
Medicines and Necesaries. You are hereby authorized  
and directed to furnish the said Hospital with  
all such Stores, Medicines, Provisions & Necesaries  
as the Surgeon may think necessary for the  
Use and Recovery of the Patients under his Care,  
on the best terms you can for the Crown; drawing  
Bills for your necessary Disbursements approved  
by myself on the Commissioners of the Sick and  
Wounded to whom you are to be accountable for your  
proceedings herein; for which this shall be your  
Order.

To

W<sup>r</sup> Ja<sup>r</sup> Mason

hereby appointed to furnish  
the Hospital at Philadelphia  
with Stores Medicines and Provisions.

Given Ofc 11 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1777

A. Hammond

N.B.

Lieut. Thomas Spy being appointed to succeed  
Lieut. John Brown in the Command of His Majesty's  
Prow Galleon the Cornwallis; Ordered Surveys to  
be taken of the different Stores, dated 10 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1777

Directed to the respective  
Boat-Swains, Gunners, Carpenters and  
Purser of His Ships & Vessels at Philadelphia  
or elsewhere of each of them

By His. Exa.

Whereas from the scarcity of Provisions in the Town of Philadelphia, there is much difficulty in procuring Artificers to fit His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in this River, unless they are victualled onboard the several Ships they may be so employed in; and much time may be saved thereby: You are hereby directed to cause the Purser of His Majesty's Ships under your Command to victual at whole Allowance the hired Artificers employed in Careening and refitting the Liverpool

Given the 12 Decem. 1777

A. J. Hammond.

To  
Capt. H. J. Bellw  
Liverpool

By His. Exa.

Whereas it has been judged expedient that the Ship Delaware, taken from the King's rebellious Subjects, should be employed as an Armed Ship in His Majesty's Service; And whereas no Person has appeared to take upon them the Employment of Gunners onboard the said Ship, I have thought fit to appoint you to officiate in that Employment for the time being. You are therefore hereby authorised and required forthwith to repair onboard His Majesty's said Armed Ship the Delaware and take upon you the Employment of Gunners accordingly, until further Order; taking care to

comply

Comply as well with the General Printed In-  
structions as with such Orders and Directions  
as you shall from time to time receive from  
the Commander of the said Armed Ship, or any  
other of our Superior Officers for His Majesty's  
Service.

To

Given the 25<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1777

W<sup>m</sup> Jr<sup>o</sup> Benson

J<sup>r</sup> Hammond

hereby appointed to officiate  
for the time being as Gunner  
of His Majesty's Armed Ship  
The Delaware.

By Yrs. Yrs.

Intelligence having been this instant  
received that a Transport with some Troops, and  
Cloathing for the Army, has run on Shore about  
four Miles above Wilmington Creek, on the Pennsyl-  
vania Shore; which if not soon got off will be  
in danger of falling into the hands of the Enemy.

You are therefore without a moments loss of time  
to proceed immediately down the River to the above-  
mentioned place, and use your best endeavours to  
get the Transport afloat, but if that shall be found  
to be impracticable you are then to take the People  
out with such of the Cargo as you can stow, and destroy  
the Vessel, so that the Enemy may not be able to take  
possession of her. When having so done you are to  
make the best of your way back to the Town of Phila-  
delphia.

In case from the Severity of the Weather

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and the Ice forming in the River you should  
not be able to get up to the Town. You will find  
Shelter at the Bays of Head-Island, or at the Bays  
of Greedy Island; But should you find either of  
these places unsafe from Attempts of the Enemy,  
you are then at liberty to proceed to New York,  
or Rhode Island until you have reason to  
believe the Navigation of the River Delaware  
may be again open, when you are without loss  
of time to repair hither.

To

Lieut. Edw<sup>t</sup> Pakenham  
Commanding His Maj<sup>t</sup> Armed Schoner  
The Viper

Given the 29<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1777

A. Hammond

Broebuck 29<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1778

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I am extremely sorry to be obliged to  
employ you on so disagreeable a Service, but  
the necessity is obvious.

The Ship went on Shore yesterday and  
the Pilot who came up this morning tells me he  
left her in a fair way of getting off this High Water,  
so that I am in great hopes you will meet her  
on your way.

The General is extremely anxious to  
get her up, but of that you and the Pilot Dilworth  
(whom I send with you) will be the best judges  
If you are of opinion she cannot be got up, then

endeavour

endeavour to get the People and the Clothing  
up: but if neither can be done, then you are  
to follow the orders I have given you. If you  
have not six Weeks Provisions onboard you  
may have what you want out of the Rockbuck  
but no time must be lost. Set off this afternoon  
and lay all Night at the Piers of Mud Island  
and go from thence in the Morning

I am  
Yrs

A. Hammond.

Lieut. Bakenham  
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Viper Schooner.